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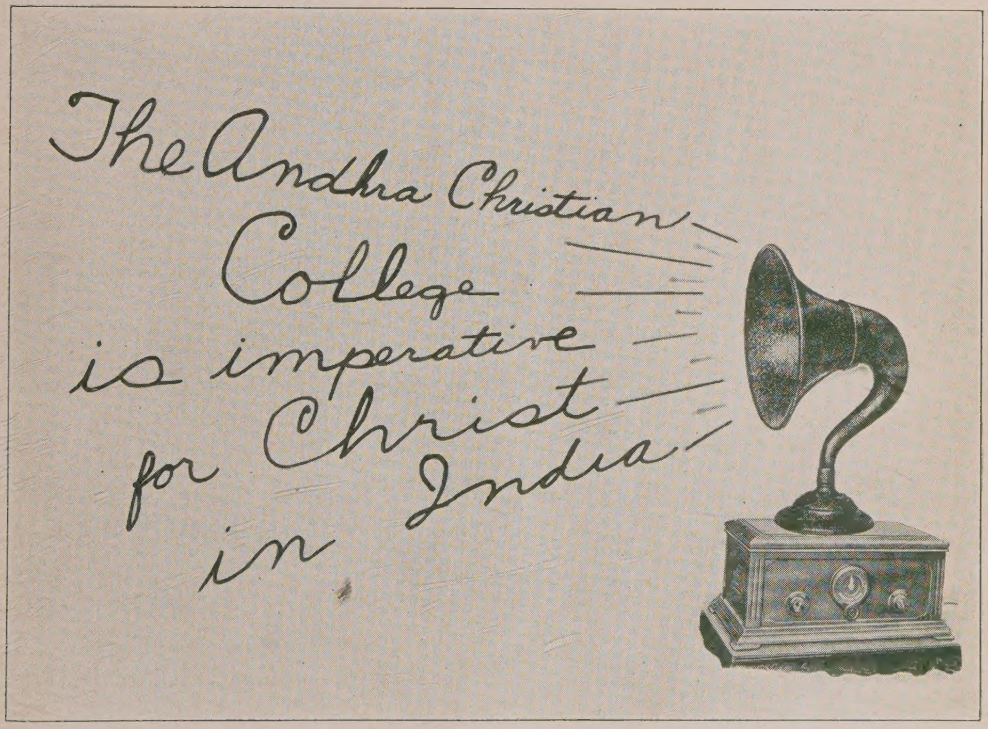

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Luther League Review

Youth

Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind.

It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips, and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions. It is the freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than in a boy of twenty.

Nobody grows old by living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals.

Years wrinkle the skin; but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

Worry, doubt, self-interest, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the heart and turn the greening spirit back to dust.

Whether sixty or sixteen, there is in every human being's heart the lure of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and at star-like things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing child-like appetite for what next, the joy of the game of living. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart is an evergreen tree, its name is Love. So long as it flourishes, you are young. When it dies, you are old.

In the central place of your heart is a wireless station. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, grandeur, courage and power from God and from your fellowmen, so long are you young.

—*American Institute Bulletin.*

January 31, 1926!

BY CLARENCE C. DITTMER
Treasurer, Luther League of America

January 31, 1926, is going to be a date that will long be remembered in Luther League history, for it is on that day that the Luther Leaguers of America are individually and as Luther Leagues planning to make an investment that shall, as one of the editors of our Church points out: "hasten by generations the Christianizing of India."

On that memorable day the Luther Leaguers of America will not only be studying about the Andhra Christian College, our Church's most unique opportunity, but they will by their gifts and prayers and by their young manhood and womanhood make possible the erection of the Administration Building at a cost of $25,000. This Building will ever stand as a monument of love and Christian fellowship between the youth of America and the youth of India.

In this way they are going to demonstrate that the Christian youth of our Lutheran Church in America is clasping hands in felicitous encouragement to the Christian youth of our Lutheran Church in India. It will show that our Luther Leaguers realize what it means for a Christian youth of India to give up his caste, his parents, his home, his inheritance, his all for Christ Jesus, and then to devote his life toward proclaiming the Christian Gospel as the only hope for India and for the world. It will demonstrate that the Luther Leaguers want him to have the best training so that he can make his life count more effectively as he witnesses for Jesus Christ in India.

The Andhra Christian College is virtually the objective of the Luther League of America—Education, Missions, Life Service—expressed in action, for the College is a missionary, educational institution to be equipped to train young men for life service in India.

On January 31st it is hoped that every Luther League in the United States, in Canada, in Porto Rico, in British Guiana, and in every other portion of the world, will be meeting as Luther Leagues to consider together the opportunities that lie just before us and to feel the largeness of the responsibilities which rest upon us, in this Andhra Christian College. It is hoped further that the Luther Leaguers will not be selfish but will invite to their meeting all of their church members, as the Andhra Christian College is not a project alone for the Luther League, but it is one which the entire United Lutheran Church in America is making possible by a contribution of over $300,000.

Material for a Good Meeting

Mrs. Copenhaver has prepared another one of her exceptionally fine pageants, which may be secured from the headquarters of the Luther League of America, 707 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa. Every active Luther League in America ought to produce the pageant, like the Columbia District on the Pacific Coast is doing. It will be appropriate, too, at the evening church service or at a special service during the week. Other material on the project may also be secured from central headquarters.

Opportunity to Participate

Every Leaguer, and perhaps many interested friends, will want to share in making possible this investment that "will hasten by generations the Christianizing of India." This opportunity to participate ought to be provided for at the meeting, so that those who wish to give $1, $2, $5, $10, $25, $50, $100 or even $1,000 may do so. Don't make it a "collection"; it should be an offering that should come from the heart and life of the giver.

This offering should be sent as promptly as possible after the meeting, to your State Luther League Treasurer, marked "Andhra College Administration Building Fund." If you do not happen to know the name of the State Treasurer, send the remittance to Clarence C. Dittmer, Treasurer, Luther League of America, 1751 West Ninth Street, Brooklyn, New York, who will see to it that it gets into his hands. Each State League has accepted its quota, and is endeavoring to "oversubscribe" it. Every dollar contributed makes possible 1/25,000ths of the building; every $25, 1/1,000ths; every $100, 1/250ths.

When one reads the many reports which come in every day showing the enthusiasm of our Leaguers, one can't help but exclaim: "It's great these days to be a Luther Leaguer!"

In California, for instance, both the Northern District and the Southern District have accepted California's quota of $200, which virtually doubles California's quota. Southern California has already paid in 25 per cent. of its quota. In Illinois in one of the churches where they are struggling to erect their own church building, they, under the leadership of their pastor, felt that the opportunity was so big that they simply had to respond to its call, and they contributed the same evening $40 on account. O, rejoice with me in the transcending vision of our Luther Leaguers who re-echo from coast

to coast and around the world: "We *can* do it; and *we will!*"

THE THREE-FOLD MACEDONIAN CRY

"Come over to India, and help us to train our own young men to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our own people" is so ably summed up by Dr. John Aberly, who for 33 years was a missionary in India that I am taking the liberty of including them in my article:

"I. The appeal that comes from the Andhras themselves.

"The Andhras are the people who have been known as Telugus, among whom most of the mission work of our Church has been conducted. They number almost 24,000,000 people. Andhras is their classical name—a name which is found as far back as the first century of our era in the writings of Pliny the Younger. Since the modern renaissance in India, which began in the opening years of the present century, they have developed a racial or linguistic consciousness. It has made them feel that they ought to have their own local government. More especially have they felt that they have not received due consideration along educational lines. One of their demands is that their area be given its own university. This has already been approved by the government and is to be carried out as soon as arrangements can be perfected and funds made available. They have not, in so many words, asked missions to help to organize this university. The Andhras are, however, among the most religious of India's many peoples and they now, as in the past, welcome the contribution that missions can make to their higher educational needs.

"II. The appeal from the Andhra churches and missions.

"Out of the nearly two million baptized Protestant Christians in India, 600,000, or more than one-fourth, are in this Andhra Province. That number is increasing so rapidly that it will not be long before it will reach the million mark. While there are thirty-seven Christian colleges in India, only two of these, one Noble College, hitherto maintained by the Church of England, and the other a junior college, maintained by our United Lutheran Church, in Guntur, are in their area. Neither can prepare students for university degrees except in a few groups of subjects. They need, not more colleges, but there is a most urgent need that they have a more efficient college. It is recognized by all who know the situation in foreign mission fields, that such a college ought to be a United Christian College.

"The United Lutheran Church is asked by all the churches and missions of that province to take the leadership in meeting this urgent need, for our Mission has the largest work there, and is better equipped to carry through the plan successfully. We have so frequently had to depend on other institutions to train our men that this is in reality only discharging an obligation that we already owe. It is doubtful whether, in any other mission field in the world, there is a greater opportunity for service than this call of the missions and churches of the Andhra Province offers.

"III. The appeal from Lutheran churches and missions.

"There are in India 125,000 Lutherans outside of the Andhra Province. These unite with the 125,000 Lutherans of the Andhra Province in asking for at least one Christian College in India under Lutheran control. According to the 'World Missionary Atlas' published in 1925, there are just a little less than 2,000,000 baptized Protestant Christians. Of these, one-eighth are Lutherans. According to the same Atlas, there are thirty-seven Christian colleges in India. If Lutherans had their proportionate share, they ought to have five Christian Colleges. Instead of that we have only one, and that of the junior grade, the Guntur College. If we are to leave the impress of our rich heritage on the New India that is fast coming, is it not about time that we bestir ourselves?

"Our Indian Lutheran young people are eager to prepare themselves for larger service. Some years ago they and we thought that a college degree was something beyond them, but second and third generations of Christians are coming on and they have, by their success in university studies, shown us that it is only opportunity that they have been lacking. Give them this and they will take their place alongside of others. A wise mission policy is giving these men the opportunity to prepare themselves to do the work in the church and in the mission that they can do more effectively than the foreign missionary.

"In India, the government assists educational enterprises with grants equivalent to what mission and other bodies themselves contribute. Thus, for every dollar put into the Andhra Christian College the government will contribute another dollar. This applies to both buildings and endowments, but in order to approach the government for such grants, we must show that we have the money assured which we propose to put into the institution."

What response will the youth of our Lutheran Church in America make to this challenging call?

"So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When duty whispers low, Thou must,
Youth Replies, 'I Can!'"

Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

LIFE SERVICE PROGRAM FOR DISTRICT LEAGUES

Conduct a conference, to be attended by the Life Service Secretaries of the Local Leagues for instruction and the discussion of plans and problems. The District Life Service Secretary to be in charge. Suggested discussion points are herewith given:

The Church and the conservation of youth.

Influences which secure responses from Young People.

Young People in rural parishes.

Vocational information and guidance.

Presenting Life Service Challenge.

Discovery and training of leaders.

Elements of Programs.

The Pastor and the Young People.

We herewith submit a District Life Service Program for a general meeting as suggested by the Life Service Secretary of the Luther League of Ohio.

Hymn—"Take My Life and Let It Be."

Scripture—Matt. 28:19-20.

Prayer—Almighty and most merciful God, who hast given Thine only Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the whole world, help Thy young people to fulfill the command to preach the Gospel to every creature. Send forth more laborers into the harvest. Direct and defend all missionaries in their work and grant them abundant success. Open the hearts of the heathen, that they may receive Thy word and believe on Him, whom Thou hast sent. Cause Thy people to consecrate to this service more of the possessions which Thou dost give them, that the triumphs of Thy kingdom may be hastened and the earth be filled with Thy glory, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn—"Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak."

Responsive Reading—All: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and Man."

Leader—"I therefore so run, as not uncertainly; so fight I, as not beating the air; but I buffet my body and bring it into bondage; lest by any means, after that I have been a herald to others, I myself should be rejected."

Response—"Every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self control in all things."

Leader—"The glory of youth is their strength."

Response—"My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure."

Leader—"Happy is the man who findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding."

Response—"For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold."

Leader—"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Response—"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Prayer—All: Dear Lord, give me clean hands, clean words and clean thoughts; help me to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong; save me from habits that harm; teach me to work as hard and play as fair in Thy sight alone as though all the World saw; forgive me when I am unkind; help me to forgive those who are unkind to me; keep me ready to help others even at cost to myself; give me opportunities to do good every day, and to grow more like Jesus. Amen.

Leader—"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Response—"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

Leader—"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen Thine heart."

Response—"They that wait on the Lord, shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they run and not be weary; they shall walk and not be faint."

Prayer—All: Heavenly Father, Thou knowest I desire to do my whole duty now

and always. Give me an open mind to hear Thy call and a willing heart to respond. May I be able through Thee both to do and to dare. Keep me from faltering or turning aside from any task Thou hast given me. May I be strong, having on the whole armor of God, and on every battle field may I acquit myself like a true soldier of the Cross. Amen.

Hymn—"Jesus Calls Us Over the Tumult."

Prayer—Leader: Our Heavenly Father, without whose help labor is useless, without whose light search is vain, invigorate our studies and direct our inquiries, that by due diligence and right discernment, we may establish ourselves and others in Thy holy faith. Let us not linger in ignorance, but enlighten and support us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Subjects for Discussion: (Assigned in advance.)

What do we owe God? (What did God give us?)

Why is the giving of ourselves to Christ fundamental in stewardship? (We give Thee but thine own.)

What relation has prayer to the giving of service to Jesus? (Should we attempt anything without prayerful consideration?)

How much of their services do Christians owe to their Master? (How much of His service did he give to us?)

Why does Jesus' ministry compel us to think of service? (Was His a life of service?)

Address—Full time Christian Service. (The call, the opportunity, the vocation.)

Distribution of Life Service Cards. (Explained, signed, collected.)

Roll Call (By Leagues.)

Parable of Sower (In pantomime.)

or

Pageant (The Reply of Youth.)

Hymn—"O Thou Best Gift of Heaven."

DUTIES OF STATE LIFE SERVICE SECRETARIES

Put across the above suggested programs in Districts and in locals where no district organization exists. Assist District Life Service Secretaries in introducing programs.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

The following skeleton for a Life Service Program for Summer Schools is suggested:

Statement of the aims of the Life Service Department of the Luther League of America.

Subject of text book and how to study it.

Presenting of the Life Service Challenge.

Discovery and training of leaders.

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If we could copyright our mistakes that would be one way of preventing others from making the same ones we made.

CHAPTER NUMBER TWO OF LIFE SERVICE PROGRAMS, YORK, PENNA., DISTRICT

(*Continued from December Review*)

In the June, 1925, issue of the REVIEW, Life Service Department, we gave the very effective and practical Life Service plans of the York, Penna District League. We are indebted to Miss Ethel M. Mosteller for the second edition of these plans as this progressive district is carrying them into action. We give you the benefit of these by re-producing them below. Look up your June REVIEW and study this District's plans carefully.

York District Luther League

Life Service Department.

Outline (Continued.)

Individual Life Service Flags.

We intend to send to the homes of the boys and girls who have entered Life Service work since September, 1922, and also those who are taking up the work, a Life Service Flag that they may know the York District is interested in the young people.

Life Service Flag Cards.

We are going to have a small card printed to be placed in the corner of the flag so all who see it may know the purpose of the flag.

Finance Stars.

These stars are to help the Life Service Department to do more work in the District and to pay for our Life Service flags and books. This is the plan. We are asking each of the Life Service Secretaries to get as many stars filled (each star holds ten dimes), until the time of the District convention, where we will place them on a large star which will hold seven stars in the center and three in each of the five points, representing the stars on our District service flag. This flag has seven stars in the blue field, or seven in the service and fifteen in the white field, or fifteen preparing for life work. For the seven stars in the center we are going to get $2 each and the fifteen in the five points, $1. How many will your society put in the center or the points of the star? Be sure to bring them or send them to the convention.

Life Service Secretaries Reminder.

Did your society receive their Life Service flag? If you have, did you put it up in the room where your League meets, or is it in some corner?

Be sure to hang it in a prominent place.

We will have at our District Convention on November 12, at St. Mark's Church, York, a supply of Life Work Decision cards

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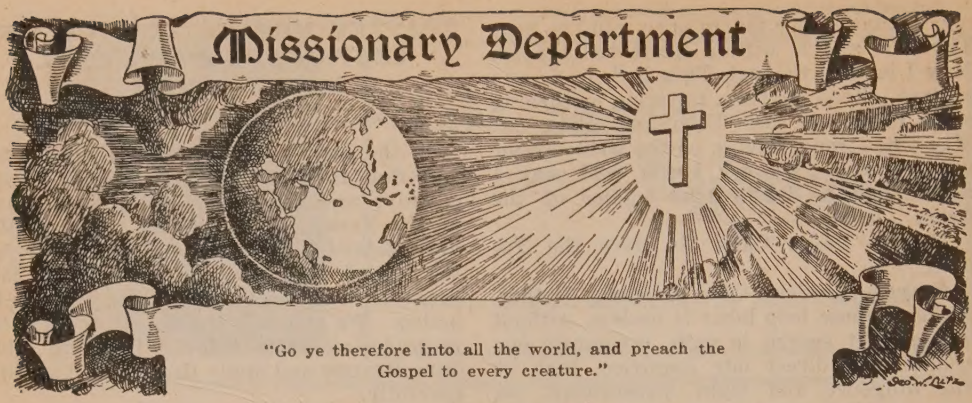

The study of Latin America begins with the February missionary program. It is an inspiring thing to know that hundreds of mission study classes and young peoples' organizations of all denominations are engaged in the same study. A special appeal is made to the missionary secretaries to make this first program in the series of programs on Latin America so interesting that the members of the leagues will be afraid to stay away for fear of missing something good.

The thoughtful missionary secretary will not be entirely dependent on the program offered in the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. There has never been a better chance for a live missionary secretary to collect good program material. The following suggestions are offered to supplement the program for the February meeting, as well as for the other meetings in the series.

Essentials:

An Interested Missionary Secretary.

The textbook, Looking Ahead with Latin America.

A large map of Latin America.

The LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and Topic Booklet.

Helps:

The four tracts previously recommended which can be ordered from Literature Headquarters, Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, at a cost of 2 cents each. The textbook can be ordered from the same place.

Suggestions to Leaders, Edwin E. White, 15 cents.

Studies in Latin America, Mrs. Charles P. Wiles, 15 cents.

Programs of Study and Service on Latin America, Elsie Oberg.

The *Missionary Review of the World.*

Current Magazines.

One week or two weeks before the February meeting the League may be divided into countries (Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Panama, Central America, etc.). This may be done by drawing cards on which are written, Mexico—Chief Executive, Mexico; Schools Mexico; Explorer, Mexico; Industries, etc. The members drawing the cards with the same country on them being asked to sit together, and each member being asked to get the information asked for on the cards. The name of the explorer could be put on a small tag and be put on the map in the proper place. Rivarly as to attendance, information, pictures, etc., for each group will increase interest. The number of countries and the number of subjects for each country will be dependent on the size of the League. There may also be rivalry as to the number of guests in each group. If the young people get started with this spirit, they will think of things that will put their group ahead in interest.

Small stickers may be placed on the map representing large cities. A different kind of sticker may represent the large rivers.

Elsie Oberg, in her outline of programs, suggests dramatizations. Certainly our Luther Leagues have many members who are well able to prepare short dramatizations (five to ten minutes). The story of Martino and Columbus is suggested for dramatization.

There should always be kept before the League the fact that Latin America is not being studied simply as history or as geography, though both the history and geography of Latin America are intensely interesting, but that the study is being made of Latin America as twenty republics that are in need of the Gospel in its purity.

A. C. C.

The congregation of 33,000 Luther Leaguers, which should be assembled on January 31 for the Andhra Christian College program, will be an immense congregation of young people, bound together by their interest in the same cause. This 33,000 young people, will not be bound together by the same church walls. We have no church large enough to seat such a congregation; but they will be closely bound together by their interest in the Christian education

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The Social Meeting

"A MAN'S AMUSEMENTS ARE REALLY A SERIOUS PART OF HIS LIFE. IT IS AS ESSENTIAL TO KNOW HOW TO RECREATE ONE'S SELF AS IT IS TO KNOW HOW TO CREATE. WE MUST LEARN TO PLAY."

ANDHRA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE SOCIALS

1. An Andhra Social for the Seniors

While you are studying Andhra College, and working for it, why not have an "Andhra Social" also? Incidentally your Leaguers will become more enthused over the project, while they are having a good time.

Play these games:

Carrying India's Burdens: Provide two sets of five bundles each, labelling each set: (1) Religion, (2) Caste, (3) Ignorance, (4) Poverty, (5) Language. The players are divided into two castes, High Caste and Low Caste. At a signal each player on both sides must balance the bundles on his head, one at a time, and carry them to the other end of the room and back, without spilling them or touching them.

The Book In Time Saves Nine. Place along the wall six small houses with word "School" printed on them, cut from white paper. Under each print these verses:

The young Hindu youth may easily be won
By means of a book—twill count you *one.*

If a proud Brahman youth appeals to you
A book for him will count you *two.*

This youth comes and brings a fee,
A book for him will count you *three.*

Over his lessons he will pour,
This India youth—a book counts *four.*

A Telugu youth—the first to arrive
A book for him will count you *five.*

The castes and outcastes never mix,
So a book for the outcastes will count you *six.*

College seems to these boys like heaven,
A book for each will count you *seven.*

Running for fear he'll be too late,
A book for this Hindu will count you *eight.*

Scholars and scholars all waiting in line,
A book for them will count you *nine.*

Provide each player with three paper books (as many as ten may be cut at one time from layers of paper.) Play like Donkey Party. Blindfold each player, turn him around three times, then send him forward to pin his books one at a time on one of the schools. The scores should be kept, to see which is highest.

Spelling Andhra Christian College. Choose sides, naming them the Hindus and the Christians and line up as for an old time Spelling Bee. The leader calls the letter A and the first in line on one side must answer with the name of a person or place in the Bible, or a book of the Bible. The first in line on the other side must do likewise and so on, alternating, until one entire side can think of no more A words, which makes the other side win. Repeat with N, then D, H, etc. (Three games adapted from "MERRY-GO-ROUND"—Applegarth.)

Word Building Game. Give out cards with the words, Rajahmundry, Guntur, Andhra, Bezwada. Allow ten minutes and see who can make the most words from the letters in the words.

At School in Andhra College. Have the real, educational part of the Social last. Have one of the Leaguers give a short, pointed talk on Andhra College and the Administration Building. (Get facts from the Topics for January 31—in December Review.) Have this brief, to the point, snappy.

Rice or curry (rice highly seasoned with pepper) may be served as refreshments.

2. An Andhra College Indoor Meet, for the Intermediates

Have an Andhra Social for the Intermediates. Divide them into four groups—the Freshmen, Juniors, Sophomores and Seniors, and have them contest against each other in the games.

Send each group to a corner of the room. Let each select a yell. "Rah, Rah, Rah; Rah, Rah, Rah; Andhra, Andhra; Rah,

Rah, Rah" is one. "One, two, three, four, Who are we for, Andhra Andhra," can be used. Or, "A C C, A C C, That's who we're for, A C C—"Hail Andhra, Hail Andhra, Hail Andhra, Andhra College.

Have a Relay Race. Place around a course the letters A N D H R A. Have a player from each group at each letter. Start with A, the players there run to N, touch their player, who at once starts to D and so on. The one reaching the last A first, wins.

Obstacle Race. Have several small baskets, labelled "Caste," "Ignorance," "Poverty," Lack of Schools," etc., on a course. Have a representative of each group start in the race. The one finishing the course first, jumping over all obstacles, wins.

Standing Broad Grin. One is selected from each group. The one with the broadest grin is the winner.

Three Legged Race. A goal marked "Andhra College" is set up at one end of the room. Two players from each group start in the race. One foot of each is tied together and the object is to see which group can first reach "Andhra College."

Shot Put. A large map of India is drawn on the blackboard, or on a large sheet of paper. A large star is placed between Rajahmundry and Guntur, and beside it is written "Andhra Christian College." Each one is given a turn. Standing about fifteen feet away, each one endeavors to reach the College by throwing the ball and hitting the star. The group which has the largest number successful wins.

3. An India Palm Party for the Juniors

Arrange to have the Juniors secure an offering as their contribution to the Special Junior Objective for Andhra College by an India Palm Party.

Secure several palms as decorations for the occasion if possible, and give a program.

Sing "From Greenland's Icy Mountain." Have a Scripture Lesson and Prayers by the Juniors. Give the Exercise, "A C C" found in the Junior Topic for January 31. Have an offering for Andhra College. Have closing exercises. Serve rice or curry for refreshments. Have the Juniors play games. Here are two which the children of India play:

Phugadi—Two girls cross hands and clasp them—the right hand of one clasps the right hand of the opposite girl. They place their toes together, lean back stiffly as far as they can, and start revolving round and round as fast as possible, the faster the better. This is kept up as long as possible.

Kabaddi. Two lines are formed facing each other some distance apart. One boy starts toward the boy opposite him on the other side, calling him, "kabaddi." As long as he can continue repeating the word without drawing breath, he is safe from being caught. If his breath fails, or he has to draw breath, his opponent dashes out to catch him, he in turn repeating "kabaddi" and holding his breath. The first one tries to get back uncaught to base. If he is caught he must do it again. (From "Children at Play In Many Lands.")

To further add to your social, you might get the following material:

Picture Sheet of India—25 cents.

Twin Travelogues—Children of India—50 cents.

Hindu Village—50 cents.

Picture Stories of India—50 cents.

Have these made up and studied by the Juniors, and have four appointed to explain same and tell the stories at the social during the program. Have this material on display.

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LIFE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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and a full line of literature. Be sure to be on hand and get all you need.

Do you get the Luther League Review? If you don't, subscribe for it now. Then don't forget to read the Life Service Department page every month.

Life Service Day in Every League.

This is our aim. Have you talked it over with your Pastor and Church Council? It is not too early to get started. Be sure to be at the District Convention, for we are going to have a Life Service Conference from 3 to 3:45 P. M., when we will work out our plans for Life Service Day and work in general. Don't miss this.

Do not forget to pray for the Life Service Department, our Pastors, missionaries, our young people who are taking up this work and for all our young people that there may be more who will hear the call to the work of the Master and say, "Here am I; send me." For if we do not pray, only eternity will reveal what God has lost and what you have lost, and what the universe has lost because of your failure in asking. Christ said: "If ye ask, I will do."

Yours in the work,
John L. R. Sciding.
Life Service Secretary.
York District Luther League.

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HUNTING TROUBLE

The flaxen-haired Scandinavian called at the court house and stammeringly asked for a license.

"Hunting license?" inquired the clerk.

"Oh, no," said Ole, "I ban hunting long enough. I wanta get married."

Methods

THE BEST POSSIBLE LUTHER LEAGUE

4. Delivering the Goods

A bottle of milk delivered by the milkman on his early morning rounds on the doorstep—and left there all day in the sun—is not of very much good by the time night arrives. It must be gotten inside.

So with our League program. We must "deliver the goods properly." It is not enough to set down our League program as something good—we must "get it inside"—that is "put it across" to our young people and make it worthwhile—a part of their life.

In short, we must so run our League that we shape and develop the whole devotional and spiritual life of our young people. We must make our meetings and all the activities so interesting that they appeal to all; we must so minister to the needs of the young people in our church that our League program is put into their hearts and minds, and does not remain merely on the outside.

Let us look at the devotional meeting. We have only time to consider that. The other activities as a rule take care of themselves.

What *Preparation* do you make for these? Sunday morning does someone just asked to be the leader, go wildly about distributing material, and begging folks to take part? Or worse, at four o'clock does the prospective leader sit down by the 'phone and blandly call up a number of people who he somehow cajoles into coming, and reading something at the meeting? They have a right to be refused.

If we hope to "deliver the goods," we cannot work in that way. In September the leaders should be chosen for the year and the list conspiciously posted. This everyone knows when they are to take part. The Topics Booklet with the outline for the devotional topics appears three months in advance. The leader should then begin working up his program. The Luther League Review contains the Topics four weeks in advance. This in hand the leader should assign and distribute the various parts, Scripture readings, discussion, etc. If necessary the week before the meeting, perhaps it would be convenient at the close of the League session, those taking part the following week might meet with the leader and go over the Topic.

Prayer enters into the preparation. The leader should have the meeting in her heart and in her prayer, and before the meeting all participating might join in a pre-prayer service.

See that your meeting is *properly announced.* "The usual meeting of the Luther League will be held in the usual place at the usual time," never got anyone out to a League meeting! Now and then do announce your meetings in an unusual way. Put unique and striking notices on the bulletin board. "U R expected at League next Sunday evening." Be one of 101 at our next League meeting. Announce your meetings in the church bulletin. Have an announcement made in Sunday School. Call up folks on the 'phone. Send invitations. The design from crepe paper napkins cut out and mounted on bits of cardboard with notice of the meeting printed on back will attract the Leaguers, and a Committee will delight to make them. Hand out typed slips of paper with the Topic subject and notice of the meeting as people leave the church service. Put up posters. The advertising columns of all our magazines are just full of fine pictures, crying to have the advertisement cut off, the picture itself pasted on a sheet of cardboard, and some striking caption concerning the League meeting printed around it.

Vary the way you announce the meeting. Let the Leaguers be met by the unexpected announcement, or one given in an unusual way, then interest will be awakened and they will come.

Begin *on time.* The meeting's impression is often lost because of the delay in opening. Much depends upon the first five minutes. Plan then carefully and do not delay the opening for any reason. No one, no matter what part they have on the program is of sufficient importance that the League meeting cannot start just because he or she is not there. Begin waiting until everyone is there, and everybody will be late; start

promptly, if you are the only one there, and soon the members will be coming on time.

Have the whole meeting *carefully planned.* If you are the leader have the central theme of the Topic well in mind, and work out the whole program with that thought in mind. Put nothing into the program just because it is easy to put it in. If it is not related to the Topic leave it out. Have special music, special readings, any special discussion—if it fits in with the Topic. Have every detail of the program in mind—and be ready to fill in every gap. Then—having the material in hand—get others to carry it out. Have just as many as possible take part. The meeting will be interesting to just as many as take part, and likely to that number only. Have Sentence Prayers, where a number may participate, have a number of Scripture readings, give out questions on the Topic, have a number of questions for discussion, ask each one to bring a quotation bearing on the Topic. Ask those who can sing or recite, or play, or have any special talents to interest them in the program.

Have *more material* than you can possibly use. Use the Bible, the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, the *Topics Quarterly*, the *Lutheran* in the preparation of your Topic. Add to it any items you may come across in your reading of newspapers and magazines. One League assigns this to a Current Events Committee who receive a list of the Topics at the beginning of the year, is constantly on the lookout for interesting bits of information, and which regularly reports at each meeting. Another League has a set of envelopes, with the subjects of the Topics printed thereon, and into which are slipped all the clippings found on the subject, and these are passed out in the meeting and discussed. Have more than enough material on the subject, and let the Leaguers go home from the meeting not entirely satisfied, but having just enough to let them know that there was still something left, and to make them want to come back again.

Have *variety* in your meetings. There is absolutely no excuse for always conducting your meetings in the same way. There are so many fascinating ways of holding your meetings. The pamphlet which you can obtain from League headquarters—"57 Varieties of Meetings" planned primarily for the Intermediates will give you some hints for variety in the meetings. The leaders should meet together at the beginning of the season and discuss how to hold their respective meetings at last hitting on some plan which is entirely different from all the others. The twelve missionary meetings should be planned, each different from the others. Then the Topics for special days as Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Reformation, should be given a festival appearance. The other meetings should be arranged in varied form. Some should be in the form of a debate. Others might be a discussion period entirely. Some might be given as a lecture, by an outsider, an authority on that particular subject. Others—particularly the Bible Story Topics—might well be dramatized. A volume might be written on the different ways of presenting the Topic.

A word as to *music.* The League music should be bright, churchly, participated in by all. Above all else it should be correlated to the Topic. We once went to a League meeting where the Topic was "A Call to Service" and after a stirring appeal by the leader for a particular work in India, a soloist arose and sang "Come unto me all ye who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." See that your music deepens the impression of the Topic by being appropriately chosen.

Vary the order in which your meeting is carried out. There is no law anywhere which says—"Thou shalt conduct your League meeting in this wise— Opening Exercises; Prayers, Bible Reading, Topic, Offering, Closing—and from this order thou shalt not depart." Build up the meeting around the Topic, and whatever particular plan is to be carried out in that study will decide the order of the rest of your meeting. Usually all business details are best left for the business meeting. The closing thought should be devotional—a prayer, a prayer hymn, a few words of spiritual food from the pastor—something that will send the members home with the spiritual thought uppermost. Intersperse the singing of a hymn, one verse at opening, several stanzas during the Topic study, and the last verse to close, if it emphasizes the thought of the Topic. Sometimes just two verses of a hymn, may be sung, those directly applying to Topic. Sometimes open with Scripture lesson, again use it as a closing word. Sometimes have Psalms read in unison at beginning, on other meetings read them antiphonally at close of Topic. Sometimes have business topic—worship. Again have worship topic—prayer. If you usually close with a social hour, try having refreshments first—it will help the late ones who thought that it wouldn't matter if they came late to be on time at the next meeting! Put the element of surprise and variety into your meetings.

We have the finest product to deliver on any market—the eternal truths of the Gospel, the elements of Salvation—besides training our young people to be the leaders of our church. Leaguers—are you "delivering the goods?"

General Secretary's Letter

DEAR LUTHER LEAGUERS:—

When this letter reaches you, the Old Year will have become a memory and the New Year, all untired, will be before you. May it be a very glad new year to you, and it will be if in shadow and in darkness, if in storm and in tempest, if in trial and in difficulty, if in grief and in sadness, as well as in sunshine and in light, in clear and in calm, in facility and in ease, in joy and in gladness, you will put your trust in the Lord.

"O, sweet to feel a calm repose,
Each passing year: Resigned and still,
To smile or sigh, to live or die,
As God shall will;
Feeling at rest,
Because He knoweth just what is best."

And may your year be as prosperous as it is glad.

There is one thing that we should stress this year, and that is personal service in the name of and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. That is what our leagues need above everything else. Heart consecration and whole hearted service are what the cause of Christ lacks. Because of that lack the work of the Lord is retarded, and we do not make the advance in all lines of Church growth as we should. Make this a year of personal service.

You will note that the Daily Bible readings for this year are on the life of Christ, an ever new and fascinating study. In 1881 King George V of England promised his mother he would read a chapter of the Bible every day, and he recently let it be known that he has kept that promise. That's a good example for a king to set. There are 1,189 Chapters in the King James version of the Bible. Unless the king has read the same chapters again and again, he has had time in forty-five years to read the entire Bible through more than thirteen times at the rate of a chapter a day. Surely if a king with the cares of an Empire upon him finds time to read a chapter of the Bible daily, every Luther Leaguer can find the time to read the suggested studies.

On the last Sunday of this month our Topic is "Andhra Christian College." As the erection of its Administration Building is our Missionary Objective, this topic is timely and will be studied with much interest.

Our gift of $25,000 will enable the college to build a $50,000 building since the Government gives one-half of the cost as grant-in-aid. The building will be named "Luther League Hall." It will be built of stone, a hard granitoid, and the woodwork will be Burman or Indian teak. The roof will be of Basel mission tiles. In addition to an Assembly Hall seating 650 it will have a Library, Reading Room, nine class rooms, the college office and a Faculty Room. The rest of the class rooms will be in the Science Hall. See the picture and plans in connection with the Topic. Let us hope that our gift will mean an increase of Christian fellowship and good will between the young people of India and our young people here at home.

Send in at your earliest convenience to the Near East Relief, 151 Fifth Avenue, New York City the proceeds from your observance of Golden Rule Sunday. "As ye did it unto the least of one of these, ye did it unto Me."

League-ally yours,
HARRY HODGES.

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Friendly Letter Number One

To be read at the January Business Meeting

During this trade of General Secretaries, Harry Hodges has been a prince. If there is anything he has omitted that would make the change easier for me, I have yet to discover it. Among numberless other kindnesses he is editing the January and February REVIEWS and when the new G. S. actually gets on the job in 1228 Spruce Street the first thing he will memorize will be Harry Hodge's 'phone number.

Last month we saw how the Luther League Administration Building at Andhra College is going to look. The picture has been hanging over my desk for a couple of months and is a real inspiration to me. Here in a pile of stone the U. L. C. young

folks are going to spell out to India their love of Christ. What a tie to bind, reaching over far stretching seas, crossing the color line, bridging strange customs, traditions and tongues and binding the youth of India to the youth of America in the bonds of Christian fellowship! This is one of the projects that has swept me out of a pleasant pastorate into League leadership.

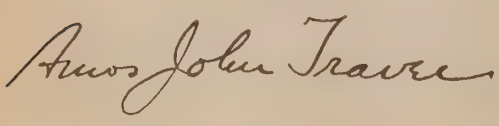
I must tell you a secret, too. The calls for service that are being heard at headquarters are taxing our finances. There is no place to look for additional funds outside the Sustaining Membership. The United Lutheran Church asks us to care for the service of the Boy's Work Committee and we have called an Intermediate Secretary who will be responsible for meeting this new demand. It will include the study of all sorts of intermediate organizations, scouts, etc., and an attempt to fit them into the normal educational plan of the Congregation. A splendid start has been made in Boys' Camps under direction of the Boys' Work Committee. This too will fall to our new secretary.

And there is nothing more important than the Life Service plans of the League. It seems a shame with our thousands of members that we must ask a busy pastor to try to attend to this service. But a full time Secretary of Life Service is impossible until the Leaguers go out as one and garner Sustaining Memberships.

How to do it? First, see that your own League is a Sustaining Member of as high a grade as possible. Second, try to have District and State Organizations become Sustaining Members. They can go higher yet! Third, let the Executive Committee of the Local Leagues get together and make a list of names of members of the Congregation who ought to be interested in the League and could afford at least $5 per year. Parcel these out to the members of the Committee and go after them personally, As fast as you get them send their names and addresses and contributions to John Gerner, Jr., Secretary, 400 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Pa.

I am sorry in one way to make my first letter an appeal for financial backing, but in another way I am glad. It is going to be the best kind of encouragement for our great future to see the hearty response. This appeal is for entirely voluntary service. Youth will respond, for youth loves to do most that which it is not bound to do.

Yours faithfully,



MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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of the young men of India. Though part of the congregation will be assembled in Texas and part in Connecticut, though California, Illinois, and Virginia may furnish space for part of the congregation, all will meet together in spirit and purpose. The prayers of all will be heard and answered by the same God. In this way New York and Pennsylvania will meet together in just the same way that all of the young people of all of the Luther Leagues will be assembled in one grand congregation.

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

A Last Message to the Missionary Secretaries.

1. Is everything in readiness for this special Andhra Christian College program?

2. Are there a few things that you have neglected? There is still time to take care of them.

3. Have you distributed the envelopes for the Special Offering? Has any one been missed? There is still time to see about this.

4. Have you called together your Missionary Committee and prayed with them for Andhra Christian College and for this special program? There is still time to do this.

5. Have you arranged your program so that it will present in the strongest possible way the appeal of the young men of India for Christian education? There is still time to do what is necessary to be done to make your program the best that it can be.

Report to Your State Missionary Secretary

Everybody who is interested will eagerly await the report of this great meeting on January 31. Do not fail to report to your State Missionary Secretary just what your Luther League contributed at this special meeting to the Administration Building of Andhra Christian College. If the local Missionary Secretaries will report on February 1 to their State Missionary Secretaries, the final reports should be in Mr. Dittmer's hands by February 6.

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CONSIDERATE

Wife—"Didn't I hear the clock strike two as you came in last night?"

Other Half—"You did. It started to strike 'eleven an' I stopped it so's not to awaken you."

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RESOLUTIONS

Some good resolutions made have been fractured already. Why were they made and is he who made them worse because he made and broke them? Let each for himself answer an individual question.

Repeatedly throughout our lives we brace ourselves to a silent declaration of principle to which hereafter we mean to conform. But, like the platforms of political parties, the abstract theory matters less than practice in the concrete. What we do—the conduct of life, as the philosopher calls it—is a great deal more than what we say.

A resolute man may be one who seldom resolves. He is not interested in high-and-mighty histrionics. Saying little as to his own lofty principles, he goes and does. Often, on the other hand, a weakling talks a lot and calls on all the world he knows to bear witness to his purity of motive and his selfishness. The tired listeners soon turn from him for one who prates less and performs.

The first and the last test among shrewd, appraising men is performance. Anybody can carry about and exhibit testimonials. But a trunkful of recommendations does not outweigh a man's own acts, for which no trumpets blared and no heralds rode before.

The best resolutions are those which are soonest translated into fact with the least noise. "I am going to" is often the childish boast of one who craves notice and applause, like the announcement that draws attention to the supposedly perilous feat of the vaudeville performer.

It has done no harm to summon our nerve and courage for the New Year, telling ourselves that we made a sorry mess of things and intend to do better. But as it is no use crying over spilt milk, so it does not avail to mourn amid the shattered porcelain of the New Year's resolves we made. It was indeed too bad that we broke our word to ourselves, for such a pledge is as serious as if it were made to others. But we can immediately redeem the downfall by a course of conduct more valuable than the fluency of promise with which the New Year began.

LIVING TOO FAST

It often becomes tiresome to hear the praise of good old days from those who conveniently remember agreeable phases of life as it used to be and forget the rest. But it seems certain that in a bygone epoch room was made for courteous and deliberate forms which in our teeming, hustling era we are inclined to neglect. The Christmas holidays are supposed to provide an interlude in the business of getting and spending; but too often, in a wild rush and a hot fever, it is wholly devoted to those very purposes, instead of to the quiet assessment of true values and the re-establishment of a scale inverted or perverted in our frantic, helter-skelter days.

As life has been speeded up we have been in danger of becoming increasingly enmeshed in the machinery of our own devising. A shrewd observer of life in Philadelphia said that men used to be annoyed if they missed the weekly stagecoach to New York; then, when trains came, they were provoked if they missed the semi-daily express; at length they were perturbed when they lost the fast elevator to the umpteenth floor, and even when the partition in the revolving door escaped them as they rushed in to their business. Like the Red Queen in "Alice in Wonderland," we seem to have to make such speed in order to remain where we are. The world of industry or society spins under our feet, and if ye do not move as fast as the treadmill we fall behind, we miss a trick and we feel lost and out of it. We cannot even bide our time on the step of an ascending stairway; we must rush up it two steps at once, carrying both hands full of baggage to some other, swifter means of locomotion.

How can we slow down and still arrive? Do we not all need now and then to stop and ask ourselves if we know where we are going and to inquire if the speed is necessary?

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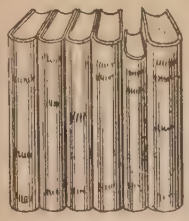

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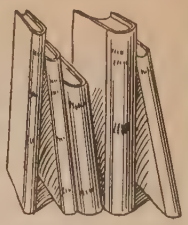

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

"A moment in the morning, take your Bible in hand,
And catch a glimpse of glory from the peaceful promised land;
It will linger still before you when you seek the busy mart,
And like flowers of hope will blossom into beauty in your heart;
The precious words, like jewels, will glisten all the day
With a rare effulgent glory that will brighten all the way."

The Prayer Before the Reading

"Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

The Prayer After the Reading

"Almighty and everlasting God, Who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness: grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh and overcome the world; and serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continued thanks for Thy goodness through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen."

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

For our 1926 Daily Bible Readings we will follow the story of His life. The general scheme will be that found in the Stevens and Burton "Harmony of the Gospels." There are many good, standard biographies of our Lord, but they can never take the place of the first-hand Gospel story.

The setting of the story is the Palestine of long ago. The Life is eternal. Not a word uttered by the Master, not a gentle healing touch of His hand, not a sigh of sympathy nor a cry of pain, but is tremendously significant in 1926 and supremely important to each reader. May the faithful students of the 1926 Readings learn to know and love Him better.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Friday, January 1.—The Prologue of St. John's Gospel.—St. John 1:1-18.

Saturday, January 2.—The Preface of St. Luke's Gospel.—St. Luke 1:1-4:

Sunday, January 3.—The Birth of St. John the Baptist Promised.—St. Luke 1:5-25.

Monday, January 4.—The Annunciation to Mary.—St. Luke 1:26-38.

Tuesday, January 5.—The Annunciation to Joseph.—St. Matt. 1:18-25.

Wednesday, January 6.—Mary's Visit to Elizabeth.—St. Luke 1:39-45.

Thursday, January 7.—The Magnificat.—St. Luke 1:46.

Friday, January 8.—The Birth of St. John the Baptist.—St. Luke 1:57-66.

Saturday, January 9.—The Benedictus.—St. Luke 1:67-80.

Sunday, January 10.—The Birth of Jesus Christ.—St. Luke 2:1-7.

Monday, January 11.—The Angels and the Shepherds.—St. Luke 2:8-20.

Tuesday, January 12.—The Presentation in the Temple.—St. Luke 2:21-39.

Wednesday, January 13.—The Wise Men.—St. Matt. 2:1-12.

Thursday, January 14.—The Egyptian Flight and Return.—St. Matt. 2:13-23.

Friday, January 15.—The Visit to Jerusalem at Twelve.—St. Luke 2:41-52.

Saturday, January 16.—The Ministry of St. John the Baptist.—St. Luke 3:1-14.

Sunday, January 17.—The Ministry of St. John the Baptist.—St. Luke 3:15-20.

Monday, January 18.—The Baptism of Jesus.—St. Matt. 3:13-17.

Tuesday, January 19.—The Temptations.—St. Luke 4:1-13.

Wednesday, January 20.—St. John's Testimony.—St. John 1:19-28.

Thursday, January 21.—St. John's Testimony.—St. John 1:29-34.

Friday, January 22.—The First Disciples.—St. John 1:35-42.

Saturday, January 23.—Philip and Nathanael.—St. John 1:43-51.

Sunday, January 24.—The First Miracle.—St. John 2:1-12.

Monday, January 25.—The First Cleansing of the Temple.—St. John 2:13-22.

Tuesday, January 26.—The Discourse with Nicodemus.—St. John 2:23-3:21.

Wednesday, January 27.—The Little Gospel.—St. John 3:16-21.

Thursday, January 28.—St. John's Testimony at Ænon.—St. John 3:22-36.

Friday, January 29.—The Woman of Samaria.—St. John 4:4-26.

Saturday, January 30.—Jesus Talks of the Harvest.—St. John 4:27-38.

Sunday, January 31.—Converts Among the Samaritans.—St. John 4:39-42.

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February 7, 1926

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

WHAT DOES THE LUTHER LEAGUE MEAN TO ME?

Matthew 20:25-28

HINTS FOR LEADERS

Ask three members to play "salesmen" for five minutes each while you play the part of a disinterested person who might become a member of the League. Let the "salesmen" in turn give their "selling talks."

Discussion Topics: 1. What has our League meant to our Church?

2. What could we do to establish Leagues in Churches that do not have them?

3. How can we make our League mean more to every member?

TOPIC

Three words are in mind as we think of the Luther League. They are Fellowship, Training and Service.

Fellowship is a great word. Kinship is a synonym and if we run that word back to its origin we discover that it meant kindship. Folks of the same blood, of the same traditions, of the same interests, of the same aims, were called "kin." There is much diversity in the United Lutheran Church. Less among the younger folks than among the elders, perhaps. But our great Church will become increasingly more effective as it gains an inner unity. The Luther League by bringing the young folks together and helping them to see the tasks of the Church from a common viewpoint is playing a big part in the future unity of the Church. As the youth from North and South, from East and West, meet, exchange ideas, find common ground and face common objectives, they become one. This is the contribution of the League in Fellowship.

Training is a part of the program of all sane folks. When once we see a place we would like to fill we begin to fit ourselves to occupy it. Luther Leaguers are told continually that they are the "Tomorrow of the Church." It is an entrancing thought, that we who today are the young folks of the Church will soon be drafted into Church Councils, Brotherhoods, Women's Missionary Societies and a hundred other opportunities of service in our home Churches. Faithful Luther League officers make faithful Church officers as one could show by numberless examples. Then the training of the Devotionals, who can count what it means that thousands of our young folks learn to "speak out in meeting" and to pray in public at our services. The League is the training school of the coming Church.

Service above all marks the sphere of youth. It was a wise pastor who met the doubts of a young college girl by leading her to do something that Jesus would do each day. It is a sure cure for indifference to assign a worthwhile task. The Christian life ought to be a ministry. Jesus came "not to be ministered unto but to minister." Fellowship increases the job of service and the League that binds together the youth of the Church and directs them to a way of service, will be alive and happy. See what the Andhra College appeal is doing for our League! We will build the Administration Building and in building will build our League.

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February 14, 1926

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

WHAT IS FAITH AND WHAT DOES IT DO FOR US?

Hebrews 11:1-10

HINTS FOR LEADERS

Discussion: 1. "Faith is betting your life there is a god" was Donald Hankey's definition. What do you think of it?

2. Which is the better evidence of the power of faith, tradition or experience?

3. What does "Justification by faith alone without the deeds of the law" mean?

4. How does faith make possible daily fellowship with Christ?

TOPIC

What is faith? The writer of Hebrews answers in the first verse of the lesson, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things unseen." The

Revised Version translates this verse: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the proving of things not seen." Note these words, "substance, assurance," and see in what connection they are used, "things hoped for," then take the words "evidence, proving" and see how they are related to "the unseen." It sounds like a paradox. "Substance, assurance, evidence, proving, testing" these are laboratory words with which the scientist is familiar. He uses them to describe the results of experiments with material things. His evidence is based on the five senses.

How does the Christian use these words? He connects them with the data of the unseen, spiritual hopes and aspirations. You can not weigh hopes by ounces and pounds and you can not measure the unseen by inches and feet. Some scientists therefore follow Huxley who taught that "Theology claims the just shall live by faith: science says that the just shall live by verification." But the Christian answers fearlessly that the hoped for and the unseen are just as real by faith as the seen. Human experience proves this to be so. Follow the argument in this chapter. Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Joseph, Moses, all these hoped for the existence of a kind and loving God, hoped for His rule among men bringing justice and brotherhood, hoped for the unseen city of eternal life, and by faith made them as real in their lives as any of the things they could touch or see.

Today we could add numberless names to the catalogue of the men and women of faith. Of them we could write "these all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them and greeted them from afar." The world does not understand these folks and never will. They are not for sale at the price of dollars they walk the streets of Heaven right here on earth.

Faith takes us out of the sordidness of daily life, out of the injustices and ingratitude of the world. Faith leaves to a real and present God the puzzles of life and walks a serene and untroubled way. Faith makes our hopes and dreams of better things as real, nay more real, than rocky mountains, iron bars or flesh and blood.

The greatest gift of faith is salvation. Salvation from sin! Salvation for life! Man has always hoped there might be a way of forgiveness. "God may be able to forgive sins, but I do not know how" was the plaint of the heathen sage. Reason, the data of material things still can go no further. But faith, simple childlike faith accepts the evidence of hope in the blood of Jesus "That taketh away the sin of the world." Faith accepts the evidence of God's Word, the experience of numberless faithful Christians to whom the assurance of forgiveness and everlasting life has been as real as any fact in their lives. Such a faith builds character. Such a faith makes life worth while.

"All hail, our glorious Saviour!
We march where Thou hast trod.
To seek Thy House of Triumph,
The City of our God."

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February 21, 1926

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

LIVES TRANSFORMED BY CHRIST

Acts 9:1-20

HINTS FOR LEADERS

Discussion: 1. Some one has defined his Christianity in these terms "Jesus and I are Friends." How may the friendship of Jesus be a factor in the transformation of life?

2. Does Christ ever transform against one's will?

3. What part do good laws and proper living conditions play in the transformation of life?

4. What are the two parts in conversion?

TOPIC

Talk about transformation of life, read the first and last verses of our Scripture Lesson! "Saul yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter on the disciples of the Lord." . . . "And straightway in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus that He is the Son of God." What happened between these verses? Jesus met Saul in the way.

There was John, one of the Sons of Thunder, ready to see a town wiped out with fire because it would not receive his master, scheming and conniving to gain prime-ministerial rights in the Kingdom of God and at the end of the story of his life we discover him an old man with one sermon, "Little Children love one another." Between lies the story of Jesus and His love.

There was Peter, braggart, headlong, thoughtless, "tho' all others forsake Thee, I will not forsake Thee." The night of the big test came and left him a broken and weeping man with the memory of the awful hour when for fear of his life he had denied his master with an oath. Weeks pass and this same Peter stands unafraid upon a street corner in the capital of Judaism and proclaims that "This Jesus whom thou crucified is the Son of God." Between lies the conquest of his life by Jesus.

Jesus still transforms lives as every Inner Mission Worker so well knows. Listen to G. Campbell Morgan! "When I first visited that home there stood the woman clad in unwomanly rags with the marks of a brutal fist upon her face, and three ill clad children clinging to her skirts. 'Excuse the

children running from you. They thought it their father.' If I were a painter, I would like to paint you a picture of that home as I saw it a year later, on a Sunday afternoon. They had moved out of the hovel into a cottage up on Main street. There sat the father by the fire with his three bairns who had run away from me a year ago. One was on his knee, one on his shoulder, and another standing by him. I never heard sweeter music than was made by the kettle on the hob that day. The woman who a year ago was in rags was clothed, and the smile of love was in her face. Why this difference? Her husband had been *converted.*"

This transformation of life Jesus will do for you and for me, *if* we will let him. No sin is too great, too powerful for Jesus to drive out of our lives. Jesus saves!

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February 28, 1926

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

TO-DAY'S LATIN AMERICA

Genesis 1:1, 26-31

PROGRAM

Leader—The eyes of the Christian world are turning in their mission study to Latin America. In all denominations different organizations are studying about Latin America. It is a fitting thing that this should be done. Not to know the people who live in the apartment house next to us is a species of unfriendliness that most of us do not like to have laid to our charge. Yet the charge seems to be a just one so far as many of our Latin American neighbors are concerned. "Here in North America we go on in bland ignorance of the world that lies south of us. Real estate developments at the north pole arouse more popular interest. Go into the office of the news editor of almost any daily American paper and you will find that, with the possible exception of Mexico, the last 'dope' that ever makes the sheet is the news —the real news—of Latin America."

"So we go on bound to South America as inseparably as God could bind us, yet relishing these preconceived misconceptions about out continental Siamese twins." "We drink our Brazilian coffee, sweetened perhaps with Peruvian sugar, we walk to work on heels of Colombian rubber; dine on Argentine beef, and vegetables grown in fields fertilized with Chilean nitrates; and then like as not, in some moment of exuberance, invest in a diamond—*the* diamond—cut probably from the mines of "Brazil."

It will be well for us to stop and make a count of some of the things which our Latin American neighbors whom we do not know very well have sent us.

(Assign to some one the part of bringing a collection of things from Latin America—coffee, sugar, bananas, pineapple, rubber, wool, Panama hats, quinine, cocoa, silver, gold, etc. Allow a few minutes for telling about the articles and where they came from.)

Leader—We are always interested in knowing how many neighbors we have—whether the families are large or small, where they came from, and how they talk. We want to know how many Latin American neighbors we really have.

Member—We have 80,000,000 neighbors south of us. "They are today making rapid progress in which we should rejoice. Some of them are playing a large part in international life. The problems they are having to meet are very largely problems we are facing or have faced. Our interests are common to each and it behooves every one of us to understand Latin America." Unless we have studied Spanish, Portuguese and French, it would be difficult for us to make a satisfactory visit to our southern neighbors. In one of the largest of the countries there are over thirty million people who speak the Portuguese language. In eighteen countries we would have to know Spanish if we wanted to talk with our southern neighbors. There are 15,000,000 people who live in the country closest to us. In this same country if we wanted to be able to talk with everybody we would have to know one hundred different dialects.

Leader—Eighty million people would make a rather large array if we could have all of them lined up before us at one time. A study of the territory in which they live will show that it would take a long time for all of them to get together. We are very likely to forget that our own United States is not the big part of our American continent. Some facts about the size of the twenty republics that constitute Latin America may surprise us.

Member (or Four Members):

1. Brazil, which is only one state in Latin America is larger than the United States without Alaska.

2. The Rio Grande River is the northern boundary of Latin America. Cape Horn is its southern point, the distance between the two being 7,000 miles.

3. If all of the people of France should be put in the northern part of Argentina and be given as much room as they now have, and if all of the people of Germany could be put in the southern part and given as much room as they now have, they would be as far apart as Berlin and Bagdad.

4. Although Panama is one of the smallest states in Latin America it is twice the size of Switzerland.

5. Uruguay, the smallest country in South America, has an area larger than England.

(Throughout the entire program it will be a good thing to have some one put on the blackboard a number of facts that are brought out in the program.)

Leader—Other statistics would show that we are studying about twenty republics, some of them large, some of them small, most of them with much wealth, though much of the wealth is still undeveloped. We have apparently begun our study backwards. We have studied about the country as it now is rather than about it in its beginning. The stories of some of the conquerors of the New World will be interesting.

The Story of Columbus and Martino (Looking Ahead with Latin America, pages 10-18).

The Story of Cortez and New Mexico (Looking Ahead with Latin American, pages 18-25).

The Story of Pizarro and Peru (Looking Ahead with Latin America, pages 25-29).

(Following the suggestion of Elsie Oberg, the Story of Martino and Columbus can easily be dramatized.)

Leader—"It was stuff of this sort—Old World dreamers, gay adventurers, strange seas and stranger lands, blood and gold, starvation and disease—that has woven, bright threads and dull, into the pattern of the New World's conquest." Some of the most beautiful cities in the world are in Latin America.

Information About Three Cities (Looking Ahead with Latin America, pages 39-42).

Leader—In the study of the history of Latin America we can not fail to be impressed with the fact that "without the spirit of Youth—indomitable and rash, thoughtless of the risks and, above all, unconditionally idealistic—the building of the New World would have been long delayed. And the new conquests in this twentieth century will come when the same youth spirit goes into action." After all, the real perils of human progress are the product of later life. And youth, aflame with some great passion, provides the only hope that the fires of inspiration, in middle age, will not burn out."

Report of the Montevideo Christian Congress (Looking Ahead with Latin America, pages 50-52).

The religious problem is one of the great Latin American problem. It is *the* great problem. To give the Gospel in its purity to these 80,000,000 people—this is the responsibility of the Christian world, and it is a problem for which Christian youth is especially responsible.

The Call of South America to North America (Included in the list of tracts to be obtained).

LIVING TOO FAST

(*Continued from page* 15)

"Life does not consist of running to a fire." Somehow the biggest of the busy people have a way of looking unemployed and at ease that is tantalizing to the little, fretful fellows. If money is the incentive to hard work, the largest wages are not paid to those who surround themselves with the most spectacular disorder at their task. Efficiency usually means a minimum of friction and confusion and time spent in contemplation and preparation before the task is begun.

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LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA

A score of letters spells your name,
Yet how much of meaning we find in the same.

L is for Luther Leaguers—youth and flower of our Church,
U is for the utmost we faithfully must do,
T is for the talents f which each has his share,
H is for our hearts—consecrated and true,
E is for the earnestness we should have in our work,
R is for rally, Leaguers! The Luther League of America needs you.

L is for noble leaders of the Luther League of America,
E is for the energy they never cease to spend,
A is for advancement—all honors due to them!
G is for their goal—to reach it let us tend,
U is for union and their unity of aim:
E is for encouragement, they've never failed to lend.

O is for the League objectives about which all should know.
F is for the fortunes needed if the work would forward go.

A is for allegiance to our objectives three,
M for Missions, that the heathen may not die.
E is education, broad and Christian may it be,
R —the road of Life Service—we can tread it far or nigh,
I is for the Infinite who shall always be our Guide,
C is the Church, the Luther League of America is *of* and *for* and *by*.
A is always, a is all of us, a is allegiance—

That allegiance which always all the Leaguers of North Carolina pledge to thee, our Luther League of America.

—*Bonnie E. Mauney.*

Intermediate Department

THE 1926 INTERMEDIATE READING COURSE

Makers of South America, Daniels..	$1.00
High Adventure, Fjeril Hess.....	.75
Katherine Luther of the Wittenberg Parsonage, Dentler	1.00
Climbing Manward, Cheley.....	1.75
Guide Posts to Life Work, Fleming.	.50
Career of a Cobbler, Applegarth ...	1.25

Intermediate Objective

The Intermediate Committee, sanctioned by the Executive Committee, has selected as the special work for the Intermediate Department during 1926, the contributing of $500 for the equipping of the gymnasium of Andhra Christian College.

We believe this will appeal to every Interminate, and every Intermediate organization will want to have a share in this work.

Intermediate News Items

Intermediate League of Salina, Kansas, reports the following items: 58 members, holding a membership contest. A joint meeting with the Senior League, with reports of the two Intermediate delegates to the state convention at Camp Woodbine. A Progressive Party held in September. Merit System working well. Posters representing each phase of the work, physical, social, mental, devotional, made, with each member adding a picture.

Advent Intermediate League, New York City, will send as a delegate to the State convention at Niagara Falls, the Intermediate securing the highest number of credits for work during the year.

A Hallowe'en Party for the Intermediates of the New York City District was held in St. Thomas Church.

The Brooklyn District held a Junior and Intermediate Conference on November 28.

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February 7, 1926

WHAT DOES THE LUTHER LEAGUE MEAN TO ME?

Matt. 20:25-28

(Mrs. E. R. Lineberger)

Hymn—378, Common Service Book, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross."

Psalm—91, page 221, Common Service Book, read responsively.

Prayer—38, page 176, and Prayer 49, page 177.

Scripture Reading—Matthew 20:25-28.

Hymn—312, "God Calling Yet."

Leader—Our topic for study is "What Does the Luther League Mean to Me?" While this lesson is being presented to us, let us keep in mind a few personal questions, in other words, let us use this exercise to examine ourselves, and see how much our League means to us.

What does the Luther League mean to me?

Is it just another meeting to attend? Or is it another opportunity to learn of our Church, to help our missions, and to re-consecrate our service to God?

Do I refuse to be bothered when asked to take part in the program? Or does it mean enough to me to give it my time, my means, and my prayers to help make every meeting a helpful one?

Do I stand by, watch the others do the work, and then criticize them because they did not do it differently? Or does the Luther League mean an opportunity where I may help the others, encourage the officers, and do my best to make it worth while for all concerned?

These are just a few of the many things we might ask ourselves, in order that we may know how much our league means to us. Four of our members (name them) are going to show us what the Luther League means to some of us, what it ought to mean, and what we may do if we want it to mean the most to us.

Leaguer No. One—(Sitting at a table, with pencil and paper, looking disgusted) I don't see why they ask me to plan a program, I don't know how to begin, and (three other Leaguers enter) I don't see any sense in it anyway.

Leaguer No. Two—What is the matter? You don't see any sense in what?

Leaguer No. One—These Luther Leagues. They want me to be leader next time, and I don't know what to do, none of it means anything to me.

Leaguer No. Two—Oh, I just love it. I wish it were my turn to serve on the program again. Why the Luther League means

just lots to me. If it was not for our programs I would never learn anything about our Church. It helps me understand what the Lutheran Church stands for, it puts the best books on its Reading Course so I may know what to read, and its Daily Bible Readings help me to study my Bible. I just could not get along without my Luther League work.

Leaguer No. One—Oh, I never study the topics, I have never read any of the books it suggests, and I don't read my Bible every day.

Leaguer No. Three—And that is not all. I love the missionary topics. If it were not for them, and our Mission Study Books, I never would learn anything about our Lutheran missionaries in India, Africa, Japan, China, and South America. I never would have an opportunity to help them if I could not send my little bit through the League.

Leaguer No. One—I never have read any Mission Study books, and I did not know the Luther League helped the missionaries.

Leaguer No. Four—And still that is not all. The Luther League means still more to me. It has shown me what I want to do with my life. Since I have been working with the League, studying the topics, and finding out how much the Church needs workers, I have decided to give my life to the work, in any way that I may serve best. God needs more of us to help Him spread the Gospel and I want to do all I can.

Leaguer No. One (slowly)—I never thought of that. I guess I will study the topics more after this. Will you lend me the Reading Course Books? I shall read every one of them. I am going to study all about our missionaries, too. I see I have been a mighty poor Leaguer, but I am awake now. I am going to help on the program every time they ask me, and I am not going to miss another meeting, because I want the Luther League to mean as much to me as it does to you. What is that Luther League Hymn you sang that time I was at the meeting? Let us all sing it together, while we pledge ourselves anew to the work of the Luther League.

Hymn—578, "O, Christians, Leagued Together."

Offering.

Prayer—By one of the members that all may re-consecrate their lives to the service of the Church.

Lord's Prayer.

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February 14, 1926

"USING OUR WILLS"

(By Rev. R. W. Doty, D.D.)
Prov. 16:32; I Cor. 9:24-27

Hymn—"Take My Life and Let It Be."

Reading of the Scripture Lessons.

Prayer—By Intermediate.

Leader—One of the difficult things in life is for us to use our will as some one else directs us. God gave us a plan of life and it is a splendid thing for us to train our minds when they are easy to control that we may be able in later life to do what God wants us to do.

Let us remember that we are called, everyone of us, for the kingdom of God; but it depends upon ourselves whether we will work this salvation out. Life is a race, in which many will run but will not gain a prize. Run with all your speed, if you would gain the prize. There are those who work from morning to night to win the treasures of Life, but are slothful in the work of saving their souls. If they would gain the whole world and lose their own souls, what is profit?

Run with all your power for the way is long to the kingdom of God. The wise men from the East when they saw the star followed it through all danger and difficulties of a long journey. They used their minds to drive their bodies to the end of the journey. The attaining of eternal life is the greatest prize any one of us can gain.

You will recall that the Prodigal son desired the pleasures of the world. His physical being wanted that which the world had to give but his will came to him one day and he said, "This is wrong it is better for me to go back and be a servant in my Father's house than to endure what the world gives."

How can we win the crown? Make up your mind now in the Intermediate League that you are going to run the race of life to win the prize which Christ offers to those who prove faithful to the end. "Put my name down, I will begin today." Paul says, "So have I; I therefore so run." Have you? Put yourself in training, remember that to win you must deny self the things that the flesh may crave. Strain every nerve. Oh, that we might have the earnestness in the Christian race that we have in our football games, the devotion and time we give that our school or colleges may win the game. See them, alert, waiting for the signal, then away, the mind, driving the bodies with but one aim to win the goal. "So run that ye may obtain."

What an opportunity the boys and girls of our Intermediates have for the training in Christian work. The call comes to all of us to go elsewhere but if we desire to win we must train. When the meeting night of your leagues come around you may desire to go to some party or other form of amusement but let your will say "No, this is League night and if I fail maybe I lose in the final great game of life." Our whole aim should be win the goal. No step backward or outside of the line. Never give in,

persevere to the end; this is no sham-battle, you cannot afford to hit wildly, as one beating the air. We must know our weakness and correct it. "Be thou faithful even unto death." "Be not weary in well doing." "Take heed lest ye fall."

Questions for Discussion: 1. Why should we seek self control? Prov. 16:32.

2. Why should we train or discipline ourselves at this age? Chron. 13:7.

3. Why should we strive to win? II Tim. 4:7.

Close meeting with silent prayer, all standing. Then repeat Roman 12:1.

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February 21, 1926

DO WE NEED TO MEND OUR MANNERS?

(Rev. Charles M. Teufel)
Scripture Lesson—1 Cor. 13:1-8

Lenten Hymn—"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

Prayer—"O God, Who resistest the proud and givest grace to the humble; grant unto us true humility, after the likeness in which Thine only Son hath revealed it in Himself, that we may never be lifted up and provoke Thy wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Thy grace; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen."

Scripture Lesson—I Cor. 13:1-8.

Hymn—Lenten Hymn if possible.

Announcement of Subject of Meeting.

Presentation of the Topic.

Kin Words to Manners—There are words that may be confused with the word, *manners.* These words are *courtesy* and *politeness.* Courtesy is found in the Bible. Read I Pet. 3:8, Acts 27:3 and Acts 28:7. What do you think this word "courtesy" or "courteously" means in these passages? The word *politeness* is not found in the Bible.

The poet Milton, said of "Courtesy" the following:

"And trust thine honest-offered courtesy,
Which oft is sooner found in lowly sheds.
With smoky rafters, than in tapestry halls
and courts of princes, where it first was named,
And yet is most pretended."

What did the poet mean?

Read again the Scripture lesson: I Cor. 13:1-8. You will note the word charity or love is used. The wonderful something charity, or love is described. In the first three verses it is said to be more wonderful than some other wonderful things. In the next five verses it is described by sixteen words or phrases. Eight of these tell what it is by what it does not do. Eight tells what it is by what it does. After thinking over this wonderful something, charity or love, does it apply more to Courtesy, or what you think *manners* mean?

Our Manners.—Is the word "*manners*" in the Bible? You will find it in I Cor. 15:33. Does it here mean what you have in mind when you think of *manners?* Likely not. Compare your idea of the word, *manners,* with the word *manner* in Acts 26:4 and Heb. 10:25. Yet the thought in the word, *manners* is important. To do the right thing at the proper time in our public contact with people means a great deal to us. Often we dislike to go to some respectable new place because as we say, "we do not know how to act." We may have a shamed face, not because we did anything evil, but simply because we did not know how to do the right thing.

For a larger usefulness in life it will be found valuable to have good manners in our public appearances and in our home contacts with one another. The spirit of good manners is found in the Bible. In I Cor. 14:40 we are told "Let us do all things decently and in order." While this applies to spiritual matters directly it is a good aim for other activities. Also I Cor. 9:22 occurs the sentence, "I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some." Certainly to be awkward and ill-at-ease would not help a worker for Christ to be at his best even in winning souls. Some very sinful people are high up in what is called "Society" and Christian workers who deal with their souls must feel able to conduct themselves properly in their company. This will enable the Christian to devote full attention and easily to the personal work for Christ. In Luke 14:7-11 we have Jesus rebuking the people for showing poor manners in the way they chose seats in public places. Often poor manners is lack of humble spirit.

Do We Need to Mend Our Manners? Let us ask ourselves certain questions. How should one eat? Is talking with the mouth full of food a good practice? How much noise should be made in eating or drinking?

How and when should one use knife, fork, spoon? Where should these be placed when not in use? A young man once was entertained as a guest. The dinner table was tastily set. Everything was neat and clean. After stirring his coffee he left the spoon standing up in the cup. In reaching for something he struck this spoon and upset the cup. The coffee was spilled upon the clean table-cloth. How did the young man feel? Did his embarrassment enable him to enjoy the dinner? Did his lack of manners occasion later trouble to his kind hostess? Good manners in this simple way would have paid him.

At the dining table what should be done with the arms and hands? Sprawling at the table makes a nice appearance does it not?

How should a dining table be arranged for convenience? How is it best to serve? (Have a special event purposely for experiment.)

What is the proper position to take in the presence of others? Shall one's sitting position be proper? How about introductions? Can a proper confident method add to one's pleasure and profit?

Is it ever proper to do away with "good manners"? For instance when boys are eating with boys? The exhibition around a dining-table sometimes resembles the dive of pigs for their trough.

What other questions can you ask to bring out an answer to our subject?

What's Your Answer to the Question?

How Mend Our Manners? Books on etiquette may be read and if one does not become foolish enough to attempt every suggestion it would be helpful. Etiquette books, however, change with the passing of time. Observation will reveal some general principles that help in all our contacts. Avoid doing things in a way that attract attention to yourself. Take advice. What usually is termed "good manners" is only another way of saying the thing done is done in the most convenient way and with least disturbance. The Christian spirit in one's soul aids one to the greatest extent in possessing a courteous, polite bearing that readily adopts the best way to do anything—even in manners.

Review of Topic—By Superintendent.

Offering.

A brief statement should be made that the season of Lent has begun.

A prayer by an adult that the topic discussed may prove helpful to the Intermediates.

Closing Features.

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February 28, 1926

"HIGH ADVENTURE" (Chapters I and 2) THE SLAVIC FAMILY AT HOME

(Missionary)

(Miss Laura Wade Rice)

Hymn—"O Zion, Haste."

Superintendent—The highest of all adventures is to know God. He has given us a Book in which to begin for ourselves to learn to know Him.

Goethe says: "That Book is not the Book of a nation but the Book of nations, because it places before us the fortunes of one nation as a symbol unto all the rest, because it connects the history of this people with the origin of the world and by a series of earthly and spiritual developments, of facts necessary and accidental, continues it unto the remotest regions of the farthest eternities."

It tells whence we came, what life means, whether we are going. Like Abraham, God calls each of us to learn whatever hinders us from knowing Him and giving our lives to Him and so be blessed and become a blessing to others. (Superintendent will illustrate from "The Bible and Missions," pp. 7-25.

Scripture Lesson—The Call of Abraham—Gen. 12:1-9, Ch. 15:1—"Bible and Missions," Ch. 1, pp. 7-24.

Hymn.

Lesson—"High Adventure," Chapters 1 and 2.

Superintendent—America has been called "God's Country" and "The Melting Pot." Too many people who come here never find God, and the melting takes long. It needs the heat of the love of God and our brother to make both names come true. Here is *your* chance. To give God to others you must know Him well yourself. So we began with "The Bible and Missions." We must know our brothers and sisters from other lands before we can love them and help them become—or remain—Christians, before they can be Christian Americans.

Leader—It has always been a High Adventure to be a pioneer in America. It was to the Pilgrim Fathers, it is to the immigrants of today. We are likely either of the Teutonic, Italic or Celtic families. Our study is of those of the Slavic family. From what newly-named countries do they come?

A—Show on map (see "High Adventure," inner cover and pp. 44-46).

B—What were the old names of their countries and what are their new names?

C—What peoples are "Slavic?"

D—Describe a Slav (pp. 57-58).

1. They do not look alike but in many ways they are much alike, strong, capable of doing and suffering, pious, simple, kind, patient, sober, thrifty, home-loving, lovers of mankind, of music and of song.

2. I should think they would make good neighbors. They love poetry and have written much that is very beautiful—Listen (recites or reads one of the national anthems of Czechoslovakia, p. 53.)

3. Freedom is to the Slav the dearest possession on earth. Hear this: "Only that man deserves freedom who knows how to worship others' freedom. That man who puts prisoners into irons is himself a slave, and that man who puts the hands or tongue into irons, he is the same." It sounds like America—doesn't it?

Leader—In Independence Hall, Philadelphia, October 26, 1918, a second Declaration of Independence was Signed. Tell of it.

4. "High Adventure"—pp. 53-54.

Leader—Were these Slavic signers *new* nations or old nations reborn?

5. These Slavs were tremendous youngsters about nine hundred years ago. Long before "Columbus sailed the ocean blue," Russia was a wide-spread empire, Poland was a state with a parliament, Bohemia was a powerful kingdom. They had built great

universities and palaces. (Pages 47-49.)

For Discussion—What is your idea of a pioneer? Of an immigrant? Why do they come? Are all Slavic countries republics? What is a Soviet?

Story—(To be told or read) Jan Markovic's "High Adventure" (pp. 11-40.) Jan's home in Slovakia was a low, thatched building with shuttered windows and a chimney. All day he worked in the fields or forests. He ate lots of brown bread and poliovka (potato soup) when he came home hungry at night. "One day a man from the next village," he says, "talked to father about Americky! Then Otecko (father) told us of a letter from this man's brother, which said that Slovaks made much more there and lived in big houses with lights that came out of little black buttons on the wall, and water that poured from silver cocks into white basins. Soon Otecko started across the water and I took care of Mamicka and the children, and worked in the fields. She cried and prayed, and burned candles in the church for Otecko's safety. Bye and bye came a letter and money for us to go to him. I felt very big to be the one to take them so far. We sold the farm and Mamicka put the money in a little bag which hung around her neck. It took days and days in the car which the iron horse pulled along the track before we got to the King's city to get our passports. We slept there in the railroad station for fifteen days. (Read pp. 10-20, of "The Black-bearded Man.") Then many more days on the train, the children often asking, 'Kde Ameriky?' till I too wondered, 'Where is America?' but no one answered me. We took many trains before we reached the steamship and I would often unwrap my father's guitar and play and sing to cheer us."

Read pp. 24-26—The Black-bearded Man again.

"It seemed as if the ship would sink with all the people and bundles. Hundreds of emigrants were on board. Then it got queer and we were all sick. I hid from the Black-bearded Man who had broken all the things in Mamicka's little bag of keepsakes. It was dreadful to have him on the ship. But he got me at last." (Read pp. 29)—Jan Shut Into the Unused Room. "The Captain knew what to do with the man who was trying to get Mamicka's money. He owned to going often on ships to rob emigrants. When the boat stopped he was taken from the cell and sent ashore to go to jail. Everyone was kind to me and glad I was safe and could play for them again. Otecko was waiting for us and we were all happy. I got American clothes and go to school. I am an American now, but Mamicka says: "I am still Slovak."

Leader—Perhaps Jan is in your school, in your class. But his church is far away across the water. Can you get him into yours?

To the Superintendent: Has your Society a Contingent Fund? It is a shame in these days when so many bright minds work out so many fine helps, to narrow and handicap any group of young people by not using them. But they take money. Plan in some way to earn it—then spend it. You will need "The Bible and Missions" (20 cents), a map of The Races of Europe (25c), from Board of National Missions, 156 Fifth Ave., N. Y. And at least two—preferably three—copies of "High Adventure" (50c), one copy to stay at meeting place in case Superintendent or leader "forgets" to bring their book. Gay colored lithographic strips for friezes in your meeting room may be secured (two for 25c) from the Polish Book Importing Company, 38 Union Square, N. Y. They show Slavic customs and costumes. They will send you a catalogue. Svoboda & Co., 405 E. 72nd St., New York City, issue Slavic post cards. The Russian National Bookstore, 235 W. 23rd St., New York, has cards. Make your meetings worth while and not just time to be passed somehow. Above all, when you order your books send for Suggestions to Leaders for "High Adventure" (15 cents), "Peasant Pioneers" (60 cents), will give additional help to the Superintendent. A note book with pictures—Slavic Note Book (25 cents) will prove interesting. Order books from General Literature Committee, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa. Slavic Victrola records and Folk Songs of Many Peoples, from The Woman's Press, 600 Lexington Ave., New York, will acquaint you with their music. Resolve to do things differently and better this year than ever before.

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LEARNED

In an article in *The Nation* Jimmie Criswell tells "What Mary Learned About History." The following is what she learned about Luther:

Martin Luther is famous because he was a Lutheran and everybody else was a Catholic. He thought this was very wicked, and so he nailed Theseus on to the front door of the church. But the Pope sent a bull after him and chased him away, and so he started the Reformation, which is commonly known as the Hundred Years' War, because it lasted a very long time and did a great deal of damage. After this the Pope was not allowed to leave the Vatican any more.

Can you set Mary straight? If not, it might be well to take heed to some of the suggestions of the Educational Committee, printed on another page.

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I wonder when people will stop calling Sunday "the Sabbath." That fantastic mistake is found in newspapers, religious weeklies, fiction, and serious works. It is partly due, I think, to the absurd idea that, if one has to repeat an idea, he must use a different word for it; so that, when "Sunday" has been once named, it should be called "Sabbath" in the next sentence. But I found a curious reversal the other day, when a well-known modern writer spoke of Monday as the first day of the week, and Sunday as the seventh!—*Selected.*

Junior Department

"TAKE CARE OF THE JUNIORS AND THE SENIOR LEAGUE WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF"

THE 1926 JUNIOR READING COURSE

Brave Adventurers, Cronk	$ .75
Land of the Golden Man, Ferris	.75
Broad Stripes and Bright Stars, Bailey	.75
Famous Hymns Every Child Should Know, Mabie	.75
The Little Children's Bible, Macmillan Press	.90
Jack in the Pulpit Stories, Shaw	1.00

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The New Program Packet for 1926

This is now ready. It costs forty cents and contains the following leaflets:

Junior Plans for 1926
Topic Card—with list of Topics
"Bible Torchbearers"—Daily Bible Readings
Lenten Picture Studies
Posters
Good Times for the Juniors
Junior National Reading Contest for 1926
Bible Dramatizations
A Curio Meeting for the Juniors
A Sand Table Lesson
A Picture Lesson
A Project Meeting
Blackboard Work.

These are all new leaflets. Order from League Headquarters, 707 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa. Note that Junior Topics Cards can now be obtained. These are cards with a list of the Topics printed on them, which can be given to each Junior. They cost 25 cents a dozen.

Andhra Christian College

The attention of the whole Luther League will be focused on Andhra Christian College during January.

We are all interested in the big project before our Church, the erection of a Christian College in India which will provide Christian instruction to the youth who are the future leaders of India.

January 31 will be "Andhra Christian College Day" when all departments, Senior, Intermediate and Junior, will study the project. Note carefully the topics in the December REVIEW and plan for them carefully.

The Social Department is also given over to the work. Note the suggestions given under the Social Department.

Our Objectives also centre about Andhra College. The Seniors have a large share, in the erection of the Administration Building. The Intermediate Leaguers will as their special work equip the gymnasium. And the Juniors will have as their "Special Junior Objective" for 1926 the contributing of $500 for the building and furnishing of a room in the Dormitory to accommodate three boys.

Seven thousand Juniors studying on January 31 about Andhra Christian College! Seven thousand Juniors giving an "India Palm Party" as suggested in the social hints! And seven thousand Juniors at work contributing toward their special Objective!

We believe we can easily reach this mark. Last year we had for the first time a Special Junior Objective, and planned on January 1 to have the Juniors raise $300 for Education - Missions - Life Service. Some one said, "It can't be done!" By July 1 we were able to report at Milwaukee that the Juniors had oversubscribed this sum and raised $325. Can we repeat this? We believe we can early in 1926 send the check for the full amount to the Board of Foreign Missions for our $500 Objective!

Read carefully the December and January REVIEWS that you may have all the information possible concerning Andhra Christian College. Plan well for the meeting of January 31. Plan to have your Juniors give an "India Palm Party" just as they gave Chinese Teas last year.

And then send your contributions to the Junior Secretary, Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, 707 Muhlenberg Bldg., Phila., Pa. A list of the contributors will be printed in the REVIEW.

Every Junior League a Contributor to Our 1926 "Special Junior Objective"—$500 for room in Dormitory of *Andhra Christian College.*

THE TOPICS

Read carefully the hints given at the head of each Topic in the December REVIEW. They apply to each Topic in the series. Follow these hints.

February 7, 1926

MISSIONARY TOPIC

The missionary programs for the first six months in 1926 are based on the book, *"Brave Adventurers,"* and are furnished by the Women's Missionary Society.

Helpful materials for leaders are:

"Brave Adventurers," the book of stories on which the programs are based. Price 50 cents, paper 75 cents, cloth.

"How to Use Brave Adventurers," a booklet of helps for leaders with patterns for handwork. Price 15 cents.

"Poster Pattern Set." An envelope containing eight full-size patterns for posters to be made in the popular cut paper work and an additional sheet of patterns for alphabets of various sizes. Price 50 cents for the set.

"Cross-word Puzzles." A set of eight cross-word puzzles, one on each chapter. Price 3 cents a set, 20 cents a dozen sets.

Mimeographed sheet giving answers to cross-word puzzles. 5 cents.

"The Program Packet," which contains a copy of the booklet, "How to Use Brave Adventurers," and "Bible Lessons" and other leaflets. Price 30 cents.

These missionary supplies may be ordered from Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Penn.

THE BOAT THAT WAITED

Note: Inasmuch as there are eight chapters in the book "Brave Adventurers" we recommend that leaders select either the second or third chapter for their February topic. The suggestions here given are for the second topic. Helps on the third chapter are to be found in the booklet, "How to Use Brave Adventurers." The letters H. U. B. A. in the following notes refer to that booklet.

AIM:

To help the boys and girls to realize that God cares for each one of His children and that He wants them all to trust Him.

HANDWORK AND DISCUSSION PERIOD:

It is a good plan to have an "Opportunity Corner" for early comers. In this corner there may be books and papers available for reading; paste, scissors and crayons for poster making, or other handwork materials.

WORSHIP PERIOD:

A hymn of God's love and care.

A prayer of Thanksgiving for some of the good gifts named by the group Offering.

CONVERSATION PERIOD:

If we would lead the boys and girls we must first find them. Get a point of contact by mentioning families they know in which there are a number of children. Do the mother and father ever forget any of them? If we should be away from home would we be forgotten? Introduce a Bible Lesson here by having a member read Matthew 6:2,3,4, or any other passages showing God's constant care.

STORY PERIOD:

Tell the story, "The Boat that Waited" —Chapter 11.

DISCUSSION PERIOD:

Ask some thought-provoking questions. Why was Dr. Chamberlain not afraid? Did he pray to God for a boat? If you prayed God to have a pony and cart waiting for you at the door, would you find them there? Leaders should make clear that prayer is not a "wishing ring" by which we may gratify our selfish wants, and make equally clear that God is able to supply all our needs. Show the difference between selfish desires and real needs.

If a Brave Adventurer's Chart (*see pages 11 and 15, H. U. B. A.*) is being used, discuss the worthiness of Dr. Chamberlain to have a place on it and add his name. Add names of any of our missionaries to India known to the boys and girls, or introduce the name of one or more missionaries, and offer prayers for the work.

DRAMATIZATION:

Members of the group may dramatize very spontaneously the story or any special feature of it.

MEMORY PERIOD:

Add a verse to the Memory Chain. (*See page 10, H. U. B. A.*)

HANDWORK PERIOD:

1. Wall cards, or panels, on which are written Scripture verses quoted by Dr. Chamberlain may be made according to pattern and instructions, and sent to hospitals or to the sick in various homes. A committee may be appointed to call on the pastor and get a list of those who are sick.
2. Plasteline may be used to make flat maps of India on pieces of cardboard. Mountains, rivers and cities may be designated. Models of the boat that waited may be made in plasteline.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT LESSON:

Tie up interest for the March meeting. Appoint someone to make and display the poster. Appoint someone else to bring flags of Norway and of Greenland—the country from which Hans Egede went and the one to which he went—and of England and Africa to represent the work of David Livingstone. Suggest to all the members that they bring pictures of Eskimos, of Greenland and of Africa. Pictures that are judged by the group to be worthy of exhibit may be mounted on cardboard and words written underneath to show their connection with Brave Adventurers.

Possibly the group may begin now to plan a worship service to be suggested for use in the Junior Department of the Sunday school or in some other church meeting. (*See suggested program of worship on page 10, H. U. B. A.*)

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February 14, 1926.

JOSEPH. WHO CARRIED THE TORCH INTO EGYPT

Gen. 45:1-7

Hymn—Prayer—Scripture Reading—By Junior (Gen. 45:1-7).

Memory Verse—"And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance."

Introduction of Topic by Superintendent—Last month in our Bible Lessons we had a story of the First Torchbearer. Who was he (waits until Juniors respond with name Abraham)? Abraham was given God's promise that he was to be the founder of a mighty nation, which was to pass the Truth of God down through the ages. We learned how Abraham started to carry the Torch in our Bible Torchbearer lesson by going to a strange country, away from all his relatives and friends. Today we are going to hear how that Torch was passed on to another.

You remember Abraham had a son. What was his name? (Juniors reply Isaac). Isaac went back to his father's land and found there a wife from among their own people. Their two sons were who? (Jacob and Esau.) Isaac and Jacob followed in the way of the Lord and held the Torch high. And today we will hear of another, Jacob's son, Joseph, who in God's great plan, was to take up the Torch, bear it to another land, and help bring about that which God had promised his great-grandfather Abraham, that He would make their nation a mighty people. Let us see how Joseph carried the Torch.

Junior (Acting as Leader)—Through the years after Abraham's death, Isaac and his family kept close to God. His sons, Jacob and Esau were trained in the way of the Lord. Jacob, too, kept close to God and his children were told of the promise which God had given Abraham and were taught to follow His commandments. Ever before this little band of God's people was the hope that some day they would be a great nation, bearing God's Truth to all nations. But as yet it seemed very far off in the future. As yet they were only a small company. As yet they had not even come to that Promised Land which God had said they were to settle and call their own. And then Joseph took up the Torch and marched along, carrying it into a far land. Let us have the story of Joseph.

Second Junior—Joseph was his father's favorite and not much liked by his brothers when he was a small boy. He was given to boasting. (Reads Gen. 37:5-11.)

Third Junior—These dreams and the fine coat which Jacob, their father, had given him, made the eleven brothers jealous, and hate Joseph very much. (Reads Gen. 37: 12-20.)

Fourth Junior—A chance comes to the eleven brothers to "get even" with Joseph, and get rid of him and they do. (Reads Gen. 37:23-28.)

Picture Study—The picture (suggested to be secured in the topics last month—"Joseph sold by his brethren") may be explained by a Junior at this point.

Leader—And so Joseph was taken down into Egypt. Would he forget all about Jehovah, of Whom he had been taught? Would he fall into the wicked habits of the people round about him? Egypt was a heathen land, worshipping strange gods. Would Joseph remember the Promise given his people, and would he hold firmly the Torch—God's Truth—which he was given to carry?

Fifth Junior—Joseph among enemies lifts up the Torch of Truth and does what is right. He is falsely accused by these enemies down in Egypt and thrown into prison. But the Lord was with him. (Reads Gen. 39:20-23.)

Leader—God was testing Joseph to see if he were able to be His Torchbearer. He helped him. The King's servant and then Pharaoh himself had several queer dreams. God showed Joseph what these meant. And then the king gave Joseph great honors. Who will tell us about that?

Sixth Junior—(Reads Gen. 41:37-44).

Leader—There came a time when the king's dreams came true. Then Joseph became a very important and busy man. The store houses were filled up. New ones were built. When the famine came he opened the store houses and sold grain.

Seventh Junior—And back in the home country were his brothers and his father, now an old man. The Promise did not seem any nearer. Yet God was leading them. The brothers were in need of food. They came to Egypt for grain. They came the second time. They brought with them their little brother, Benjamin. They did not know Joseph. You remember what happened on this visit. Several of the Juniors will tell us about the visit of the brothers.

Dramatization—Have a number of the Juniors act out the Bible story—"The Story of a Cup in a Sack" as given on the sheet of Bible Dramatizations in the Packet.

Leader—And Joseph forgave his brothers for selling him into Egypt. Tell us of that.

Eighth Junior—(Reads Gen. 50:15-21).

Leader—And then Joseph had his brothers return and bring down to Egypt his father and all their families. And he set apart a piece of the land, Goshen, for them. They were now a mighty company. God was working out His plan. He was making of them a large family. They were carrying His Word forward into a land which did not know it.

What lessons does this story of Joseph teach us?

Ninth Junior—It shows us first that God always keeps His promises. He told Abra-

ham, the first Torchbearer, that he would make his people a great nation. Now, even though it is in a heathen land, the little company of Abraham's descendants are banded together and keeping aflame the Torch of God's Word. We must believe, too, in God's Promises.

Tenth Junior—Joseph held fast to the Truth and stood for it. He carried God's Word down into Egypt, a land which did not know God. By doing so, he was able to save the lives of his people. So should we hold fast to our God. And perhaps some of us will be called to go like Joseph to a strange land, and there take the message of our Saviour.

Discussion—How did Joseph carry the Torch? How did Joseph carry the Torch in Egypt? How was God keeping His Promise to Abraham? (Superintendent can add other questions.)

Handwork—A selected group can add the picture to a Torchbearer Chart. (Suggested in topic of January 10.)

Closing—Hymn—Sentence Prayers—By Juniors.

Dear Father, make us ready to do right always.

O Lord, help us to carry the Torch of Thy Word, as did Joseph of old.

Help us, dear Lord, to believe all Thy Promises.

Help some of us to be missionaries and carry the Gospel to other lands.

Help us to be forgiving, just as Joseph forgave his brothers.

Help us to read Thy Word every day.

(Be sure to note the series of Torchbearer Daily Bible Readings included in the Packet. Have your Juniors read these at home, while they are studying the Torchbearer Topics. A good plan also is to have each Junior bring his Bible to Junior League, and have the daily verses read at some time during the meeting.)

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February 21, 1926

EVERYDAY HEROES

Heb. 11:32-38

(This is another of the Practical Topics, reaching into the everyday life of the Juniors. The Superintendent should lead the Juniors to see that being a real hero is doing the little things of every day life just as they come along in the very best way.)

Hymn—Prayer—(By Junior) O'Lord, our dear Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all Thy blessings. We thank Thee for the Junior League and the lessons we learn here. We ask that we may always be ready to learn those lessons. We thank Thee for the stories of the heroes of the Bible and the brave deeds they did. We ask that we, too, may be heroes. Help us to be heroes every day, to be strong to do the right thing at home, at school, at play. Help us to be brave every day, to be heroes in Thy work. We ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Scripture Lesson—(Read by a Junior) Heb. 11:32-38.

Leader—(One of the Juniors acting as leader) This Scripture lesson tells us about some of the heroes of Bible times, and the brave men and women of the early days of the Church. It shows us what some of them had to suffer for Christ's sake. One had to be a real hero in those days. Many were burned at the stake, many were thrown in prison, many were thrown into the dens of wild beasts, and many died by the sword.

These were heroes who died for Christ's sake. Our Bible also tells us about another kind of hero. It tells us of many who were heroes because they just did the everyday things which they should do, because they did the right thing without thinking of any reward, just because it was the right thing to do.

Jesus does not want us to die for Him, he wants us to live for Him, and often it is just as hard to do that as it is to die for Him. It is sometimes easy to be a hero when everybody is looking on and praising us, when there is something big to do. It is not always so easy to be a hero when nobody knows anything about it, or when it means just going on doing little things each day which we should do.

We are going to hear about some of the Everyday Heroes of the Bible, and how we too may be everyday heroes.

Ruth—One of the everyday heroes of the Bible was Noah, who obeyed. God told him to do a strange thing, build a boat, and Noah obeyed. (Read Heb. 11:7.) Even though everybody laughed at him, he went right on, doing just what God told him to do.

Sometimes it is not so easy to obey. It takes a hero sometimes to be obedient. When father tells us we must not do a certain thing, are we always obedient? Do we always do exactly as we are told? Isn't it being an Everyday Hero to try and obey everything just as our parents and our teachers tell us? Are you an Everyday Hero—when it comes to *obedience?*

John—I know another Bible story that tells of an Everyday Hero. It is the story of David. When a lion came and tried to take one of his father's sheep, he went out and killed the lion. He did this not to show off, but because it was right, the thing to do. Reads (I Sam. 17:34-37).

There are many lions which come out against us. There is Sin. We are often tempted to do things we should not. There is Tardiness. How often are we tempted to waste time and get to school or Sunday

School or Junior League late! There is Untruthfulness, Dishonesty, Laziness, and a lot of other lions we must fight. And one must be a hero to fight them.

Can't we, like David, every day, go out and fight these evils and do what we know is right?

Paul—I know a story of another hero. When Paul was in prison and the Jews were ready to kill him, it was a boy who saved him, a boy who heard the Jews plotting to get Paul by a trick the next morning. This boy goes to the chief captain and reports what he had heard. (Reads Acts 23:12-18.)

Sometimes we can do our duty in the same way. If we knew that some of the boys were about to do something in the school ground which was not right, do some damage to some of the property or something like that, wouldn't we be right if we should go and tell someone and prevent it. We might be called "tattlers." But we would be doing right.

And sometimes it means being a real hero to just do something like that.

Mary—There is another story in our Bible of an Everyday Hero. It is the story of Peter, who after visiting Cornelius, preached, and many believed. Many wanted to be baptized. There were not only Jews, but Gentiles also. (Reads Acts 10:44-48.) And Peter baptized them all.

In our schools, on our streets, in our town, everywhere we have people of other lands. How do we treat them? Are we always kind to the Italian boy or girl in our class at school? Do we wish the colored children were in another school? Does our church do anything for the Chinese laundryman?

Sometimes one must be a hero to help these foreigners. Are you an Everyday Hero when it comes to the people of other lands here with us?

Jane—Martha was an Everyday Hero. (Reads Luke 10:38-42.) We can be like Martha—serving the Lord in little homely tasks in the everyday things that come along.

We can help mother at home, in helping with the dishes, doing errands, helping in the tasks about the house.

And then we must not forget "the better part" which Martha's sister, Mary, chose, the learning of Jesus and the things of the church. And there are tasks there, also, which we can do.

Grace—Back in the Old Testament we have the story of another Everyday Hero—a little girl whose name we do not know. She was a little slave girl, and when the chance came she spoke to the king, suffering from the dread disease, leprosy, of that prophet who might heal him. (Read II Kings 5:1-4.)

How often we can do just that, too. We can speak of Jesus to those who do not know Him. Yet how often do we do it? It takes real courage sometimes to be an everyday hero and tell someone about Jesus.

Discussion—How can we be obedient at home? At school? Why should we obey our parents, teachers? How can we fight tardiness, untruthfulness, pride, vanity, envy? How be an everyday hero at home? At school? At Junior League? How should we treat the foreign boys and girls in our neighborhood?

How can we be Everyday Heroes by becoming workers in the Junior League? How can we bring others to Sunday School and Junior League?

Closing—Hymn—Sentence Prayers—By Juniors.

Dear Lord, help us to be everyday heroes.

Help us to live every day just as Thou would have us live.

Help us to speak kind words to those who need them.

Help us to be kind to the foreign boys and girls in our neighborhood.

Lead us to be fair in our play everywhere.

Help us to be obedient to our parents.

Make us willing workers in the Junior League.

Keep us faithful in all the things we should do.

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February 28, 1926

HOW DOES LUTHER LEAGUE HELP US TO FOLLOW JESUS?

Luke 2:40-52

(This is the second in the series of Luther League topics. Perhaps the pastor would talk to the Juniors at this meeting, as the special speaker. Use the suggestions given in the December REVIEW under the first of this series—the topic for January 17.)

Hymn—Junior Rally Hymn (on card, two cents each from this office).

Scripture Reading—By a Junior, Luke 2:40-52.

Memory Verse—"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man."

Leader (One of the Juniors)—Today we are going to hear how the Junior League helps us to grow more like Jesus.

In our Bible reading we learned that Jesus grew physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. That is the way He wants Juniors to grow. He wants us to be like Him.

He wants us to grow physically. We should grow up into strong men and women. Good food, sleep, play, will help us.

We should grow socially. We should have friends among the other boys and girls, and should be ready to help them whenever we can.

We should grow mentally. Our lessons at school should help us grow the way Jesus wants us to grow.

And we should grow spiritually. Jesus as a boy was found in the Church. So should we be there.

The Junior League helps us grow in all these ways. Let us see how it does.

First Junior—The Constitution of the Junior League says that one of the objects of the Junior League is: "to educate its members in the history, teachings, practices and program of our Lutheran Church."

The Junior League teaches us of our Church, and in that way helps us follow Jesus. Jesus even as a boy knew the whole history of the Jewish race and the practices of the Temple. At twelve he sat among the teachers both asking and answering questions, and we are told that "all that heard Him were astonished at his understanding and answers." The Junior League helps us know more about our Church.

Second Junior—In our Constitution we also learn that the Junior League is organized "to encourage Bible Reading and Study, Prayer and Church Attendance among its members."

Jesus was found in the Temple. He knew the Scriptures and could quote from them at all times. He prayed often to His heavenly Father.

So Juniors should do. And the Junior League helps them. It teaches us to read our Bibles daily, to pray every day, to attend church.

Third Junior—The third object which our Constitution gives is "to promote a knowledge of missions and a zeal for missionary causes." Jesus was a missionary. He came "to seek and to save those that were lost." He said once, "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold."

So the Junior League helps us to follow Jesus by teaching us about missions and helping us to work for missions.

We study about missions, we give to missions in the Junior League, and perhaps some of us will some day be missionaries.

Fourth Junior—Again our Constitution says that one of our objects is "to better prepare the members for entrance into the catechetical class and active church membership."

Jesus when he was twelve years old, according to the Jewish custom, was taken up to the Temple and became a regular member.

The Junior League helps boys and girls prepare for church membership. The first teachings of the church are given us in the Junior League. The Creed and parts of the Catechism are taught, so that we are prepared to enter the catechetical class.

The Junior League helps us follow Jesus into church membership.

Fifth Junior—Our Constitution also says that one of our objects is "to prepare the members for the Intermediate and Senior Leagues, by instructing them in the aims and purposes of these departments, and by assisting them to conduct their own meetings and activities."

Jesus' early life was a preparation for His life work. So the Junior League is a preparation for the higher departments and a school where they learn to prepare for higher things.

Sixth Junior—Lastly, the Junior League exists "to form an effectual means of serving Jesus our Saviour, and to be of service to our Church."

Jesus was always serving others. He did not think of Himself, but went about healing the sick, helping the poor and weary, doing good wherever He could.

The Junior League gives us many chances to help others. There are many things we can do. Jesus wants to serve Him through the Junior League.

Talk—By pastor, "Junior Leaguers Following Jesus."

Hymn—Luther League Rally Hymn.

Closing—Sentence prayers by Juniors—Lord's Prayer.

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When a plumber makes a mistake he charges twice for it.

When a lawyer makes a mistake it is just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again.

When a carpenter makes a mistake it's just what he expected.

When a doctor makes a mistake it becomes a law of the land.

When a preacher makes a mistake nobody knows the difference.

When an electrician makes a mistake he blames it on the induction; nobody knows what that means.

But when an editor makes a mistake—good night.

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How Editors Get Rich.—I have just learned of an editor who started poor twenty years ago and retired with a comfortable fortune of $50,000. This was acquired through industry, economy, conscientious effort, indomitable perseverance, and the death of an uncle who left him $49,990.—*Santa Fe Magazine.*

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First Landlady—"I manage to keep my boarders longer than you do."

Second Landlady—"Oh, I don't know. You keep them so thin that they look longer than they really are."

League News Items

SEND IN THE NEWS—The other Leagues want to know what YOU are doing. You want them to know of your activities. This department is a clearing house for ideas in entertainment and good works. If yours is not represented it is because we do not hear from you. All news items must be in the Editor's hands by the first of the month.

CONNECTICUT

Awaken! Arise! Join the Ranks! Organize! Lift up the banner of the Connecticut State Luther League! Fling it high and march on. "For Greater Service!" Such was the feeling and spirit at the twentieth annual convention held in Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Meriden, Conn., October 10-12, 1925.

By far the most successful convention held in recent years. More than two hundred delegates and visitors attended the sessions.

The convention was opened by the singing of that wonderful hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers Living Still," which was followed by a Scripture reading by the Rev. P. A. Kirsch after which he offered prayer.

A warm welcome was extended the State League by Otto E. Kamens as spokesman for the Immanuel League and a very fitting response by Emil A. Schuelke, president of the Connecticut State Luther League followed.

The pastor then extended the welcome of the congregation and hoped that the people of the convention would use Immanuel in every way possible, for Immanuel's motto was "Service" for those three days.

A nominating committee was then elected by the chair to serve at this convention. After an explanation of the Field Day Sports Program by Mr. Fischer it was voted to adjourn and carry on the sports program at Hanover in spite of the cool weather. The contest was keen and spirited. The Waterbury League won the "Silver Loving Cup" for the highest number of points which totaled 37. Congratulations, Waterbury, you came prepared and won.

In the evening at 8 o'clock the visitors and delegates of the convention assembled in the auditorium again to witness the presentation of a pageant—"The Quest." This was a life service pageant and was presented by the members of the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Leagues of Immanuel.

A talk on "Training Leaders for the Juniors and Intermediates" followed "The Quest" by Miss Brenda Mehlhouse, Junior Secretary of the Luther League of America. She emphasized the point that the future strength of the Senior Leagues lay right in this branch of the work and urged the very hearty support of every Senior League, also the formation of a Junior or Intermediate League wherever possible. After the address an informal reception took place which was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday morning, October 11, a special service was held for the children. Miss Brenda Mehlhouse, Junior Secretary of the Luther League of America, spoke on the children of the Junior League. Rev. C. P. Harry explained the meaning of the Luther League Emblem.

A preparatory service preceded the chief service at 10:15 o'clock. At 10:30 o'clock the chief service with celebration of Holy Communion. This was the first time a communion service has been held in connection with a Luther League convention in Connecticut and fifty-five Leagues availed themselves of this opportunity to commune in a body.

Rev. C. P. Harry preached at this service, his topic being "For Greater Service," the convention theme. He brought out the fact that we should continue in the things we have learned. Many are looking to the young people of the Church and it is up to us to save the day. If we would do God's service, we must learn His word. Everything that is worth while must grow out of His word.

The group picture of the convention members was taken in front of the church just before the afternoon session.

The afternoon session was largely attended. It was opened by hymn, prayer and Scripture reading by Rev. Mackensen. Two Leagues were then taken into membership of the State organization officially, Bridgeport, First English and First German Lutheran. Both Leagues were well represented. The minutes were read and committees reported. Mr. C. C. Dittmer, treasurer of the Luther League of America, addressed the members on the topic "Opportunities for Larger Service Just Beyond the Horizon." He stated that there are results we never dreamed of just beyond the horizon. The world has yet to see what God can accomplish through one life wholly dedicated to Him.

Rev. W. R. Meyer, of Waterbury, Conn., also addressed the convention on "Equipment Needed for Greater Service." His idea of equipment needed was faith and prayer. A sun dial is useless without sun—faith likewise is useless without prayer.

The business meeting was postponed until after the evening service, due to the late hour and the great amount of business still to be transacted.

The rally service of the convention was held Sunday night and was largely attended. Rev. Traver, General Secretary-elect of the Luther League of America, spoke on "For Greater Service in the Congregation at Home." He said that it is easy enough to have enthusiasm at a convention and in a crowd, but unless we can translate this enthusiasm into service when we get home we have nothing from the convention. Don't let a few do the work, but let all pitch in and help. He also spoke of availing ourselves of every opportunity of speaking of Christ to others that we come in contact with as it may be our last chance to speak to them of God.

Rev. Krumbholz spoke on "For Greater Service in the Church at Large." He said the largest service that we could render to the world at large is the service of ministering love and living the word of God. If we are searching for God and do not find Him, it is because we are not working for Him.

After the service the convention retired to the auditorium where the election of officers took place with the election of Emil A. Schuelke, Meriden, president; Alex Hettlinger, Waterbury, vice-president; Laura Haller, Meriden, corresponding secretary; Ernest French, Hartford, recording secretary; Henry Fischer, Hartford, treasurer; Elizabeth Stelzner, Norwich, archivist.

Rev. A. G. Weng and Edward Wilson, of

Bridgeport, were elected to the executive committee. This session closed at about 10 o'clock.

The final session was opened Monday, October 12, at 9:30 a. m., with the Meriden Junior and Intermediate League in attendance. An address "For Greater Service—Via the Junior and Intermediate League Route" by Miss Brenda Mehlhouse, was delivered in a way which enthused every one to plan to use the many suggestions to make Connecticut a live Junior League booster.

All unfinished business was then transacted.

At this session the banner was presented to Bridgeport who had eighteen out of their twenty members present. A group of live-wires has entered our fold in this society. Watch out!

Ernest French, the delegate to the National Luther League Convention in Milwaukee, gave a fine detail report.

Mr. Dittmer addressed the convention on "For Greater Service in the Luther League of America," stressing in a very interesting way the many tasks on hand. He also outlined the program of the Andhra Christian College project.

The session was closed with the installation of the newly elected officers and devotions by the chaplain.

A very fitting ending to the convention was the banquet at noon with plenty of food, fine speakers and a closing prayer by Rev. C. P. Harry that tugged at our hearts. Everyone resolved to go back to their local Leagues and install there some of the "For Greater Service" spirit which was so prominent at every session.

A Word from the President

I wish to thank every member of the Connecticut State Luther League for the co-operation and response to work in reorganizing the State Luther League during this year and also to have been honored with the presidency at the convention.

We've never had a year in our past twenty years which presents more opportunities to accomplish worth while tasks than the coming year. Think deeply of the opportunities that are before us and offer with me a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the vision and zeal of our young people to accomplish even bigger tasks "For Greater Service."

The following secretaries for Connecticut were elected by the executive committee at the last meeting: Junior Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Stelzner, Norwichtown, Conn.; Intermediate Secretary, Miss Ruth Dandelski, North Colony street, Meriden, Conn.

A program of work including visitation by the president, the Leaguers and a "Topics Team" with suggestions to conduct meetings, etc., will be mailed to the secretaries this month. Watch out also for the Andhra project in Connecticut.

Golden Rule Sunday comes the 6th of December and every Leaguer is asked to help in making it a success. Every family is asked to eat an orphanage meal on this date and give thank offering in behalf of the children in Bible lands.

BOOK REVIEWS

LOST AND FOUND—Emily Nonnen. (Augustana Book Concern. With illustrations. Boards, illustrated cover, 30 cents.) An interesting story of a little waif, who through love and kindness to her foster parent finally finds her true parents.

THE MAN IN THE BEARSKIN—John H. DeGroot. (Augustana Book Concern. With illustrations. Boards, illustrated cover, 40 cents.) A tale of adventure in the early days of the West that will appeal to boys.

Both of these books would make acceptable gifts to children, and can be secured through our United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW JERSEY

The thirteenth annual convention of the Luther League of New Jersey met in the Church of the Atonement, Asbury Park, October 12-13.

The League adopted the following resolutions:

That in order to conform to the program of the Luther League of America, all the District and Local Leagues affiliated with the Luther League of New Jersey add to their staff the following offcers: Junior Secretary, Intermediate Secretary, Missionary Secretary, Life Service Secretary, Educational Secretary.

All these to function as per the program of the Luther League of America.

1. That the per capita apportionment for the coming year be 50 cents in order to liquidate the deficit now existing in the treasury and to provide means for extension work.

2. That the goal for the coming year be the slogan of the Luther League of America—"A Luther League in every congregation; every young person in the League; the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW in every home; the faithful use of the Topics by every League."

3. That we continue the support of our protege in India.

4. That we endorse the action of the Luther League of America at its last convention in Milwaukee, in assuming the erection of the Administration Building of Andhra Christian College and instead of accepting our quota of $300 we assume as our quota $500.

The Oldwick League was privileged to keep the banner for another year, this being awarded to the League keeping the greatest number of points in the 12 Point Program. Elizabeth League was second.

According to the new plan adopted by the convention a local League joining a district automatically becomes a member of the State League.

Calvary, Jersey City, N. J.—The Luther League work of Calvary Church, Jersey City, is well organized into a Senior, Intermediate and Junior League. The Senior League has twenty-two members, the Intermediate fifteen, and the Junior eighteen. The Senior and Intermediate Leagues pledged each $400 a year for four years for the building fund. At present the Leagues are busy preparing for the annual parish fair, while the Senior League is making preparation for their seventh annual minstrel, to be held on Lincoln's Birthday. Devotional meetings have been introduced into the Senior and Intermediate Leagues, while the Junior has had them for several years.

Hudson District.—The first annual banquet of the Hudson District was held in the Y.M.C.A. Jersey City, N. J., on October 19, at which ninety young people of the seven leagues of the district were present. Rev. Elmer Hart of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the principal speaker, his subject being, "The Challenge of the Hour." He was followed by the State President, Rev. Dorr E. Fritts, who brought echoes from the recent State convention. Mr. Harry Appleheimer, President of the Hudson District, presided in a most acceptable manner. The Hudson District is interested in Inner Mission work, at the present time it is furnishing a room at the Old Folk's Home, on Nelson Avenue in Jersey City.

Oldwick, Zion League.—Through the efforts of Elizabeth Fisher, five men, Messrs. Van Swieck, Blookfield Apgar, Mahlon Aplaugh, Richard Conover and John Vroom contributed five dollars to make Mrs. Dorr E. Fritts a "Sustaining Member." We have four sustaining members.

Five of our members attended the convention of New Jersey State League at Asbury Park,

at which our pastor, Rev. Dorr E. Fritts, was elected president for the third consecutive year.

NEW YORK

The Luther League of Western New York has just completed a most successful year under the leadership of Mr. R. E. Wall of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and is looking forward to a better one under the same leadership. Our last quarterly District Convention was held in Holy Trinity Church, Buffalo, N. Y., on October 17, 1925. At this meeting the officers for the coming year were elected. The local leagues are planning a busy year. The first big event for the District is to be an Indoor Picnic, in which every League is to have a large share.

Young People's Society, St. Paul's Church, Mt. Vernon.—On Sunday evening, October 18th, we gave an illustrated lantern slide lecture on "The Prodigal Son." This was the first of a series of six lectures to be given this winter on the third Sunday of each month on the "Parables of Christ."

Five of our members attended the Reunion Dinner of the delegates of the New York State Luther League Convention which was held in New York City on October 14th.

A very enjoyable old-fashioned Hallowe'en Social was held in the Social rooms of the Church on October 28th. Games and novelties appropriate for the occasion were enjoyed by all.

The Society will take an active part in the Annual Christmas Bazaar of the Church which will be early in December. It will have a booth under the supervision of the members of the Society and all the proceeds will go toward the Building Fund of the Church. A Sewing Circle has been organized in this connection and articles are now being prepared by the members for this booth.

The Annual Reception of the Society will be on November 13th at the Westchester Women's Club and it is expected that this affair will be the largest and most successful.

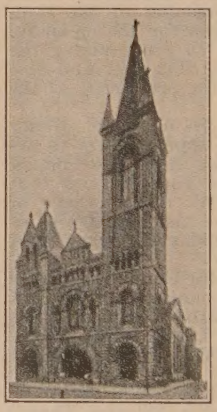
GENERAL

October 30th was the Thirtieth Anniversary of the founding of the Luther League of America at Pittsburgh. Dr. Holthusen, President of Wagner College, made a reference to this event before his boys at Chapel that morning. We like this College President's sense of values. We wonder how many Seminary Classes were as well informed.

The Luther League of Chicago has compiled a sheet of "Pep Songs" for league occasions and will supply them to others at $1.00 per hundred. Apply to Mrs. S. T. Peterson, 4356 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

OREGON

Following out plans of the Extension Committee of the Columbia District Luther League, on Sunday, October 11th, members of the League of Portland, Oregon, drove sixty or more miles, and members of the Vancouver and Chehalis, Washington Leagues just a little less, to Longview, Washington, to hold an evening service in Rev. Kohler's mission church for the purpose of encouraging the organizing of a Luther League at that point. Upon their arrival, the good women of this church, which draws membership from Kelso and Longview, hospitably served refreshments; and the meeting, at which there were some 85 present, began at 7 o'clock. The usual plan of a League meeting was followed out, with special musical numbers by Vancouver and Chehalis Leaguers and a presentation of the topic, "The League's Part in the Church's Program" by a leader from Portland. Then followed a general discussion to encourage the forming of a Luther League in the Longview church. Speakers for the Longview congregation expressed the thought that the service had been encouraging and most worthwhile, and the Columbia District Luther League now looks forward to the day when there will be a Longview Luther League.



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